

Gotta Believe

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Hebrews 10:38 (ESV)

The righteous shall live by faith.

Brothers and sisters, we have learned so much in Hebrews, but we gotta believe. This verse comes from Habakkuk 2:4. It is repeated here and in Romans 1:17 and Galatians 3:11. Faith is when we hear God and then do what HE says. Faith is so important that the following chapter, Chapter 11, is fully devoted to giving us examples of believing faith. Hebrews 10:32 to 39 tells what is necessary for believing faith. I will quickly paraphrase what it says. First of all, we need to “remember” the tough times that God has carried us through. When God spoke to Jeremiah, HE first would consistently tell him to remember the tough times that God had already brought him through. Only then would God speak to him. Brothers and sisters, our life is not an accident even the difficult times. Our life is a portrait of God’s work in our lives. We need to remember those hard times which is the substance and beauty of our portrait. We must remember so we don’t throw away our confidence, which has a great reward.

We gotta believe that GOD EXISTS and that HE REWARDS those who seek him. We expect God to do what HE says. We gotta believe God is moving on our behalf guiding us and answering our prayers. We gotta believe so we can endure. We must have faith that when we have done the will of God we will receive what has been promised. We endure knowing that in little while Jesus will come. Certainly, this means HIS Glorious return from Heaven, but also, I believe this includes HIS intervention in our current situation. It is not a sin to say that we endure so that we will not miss God's blessing. Thus, the righteous shall live by faith. We gotta believe like Habakkuk:

Habakkuk 3:17–18 (ESV) NO/OH

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

We must live by faith, because if we shrink back God is not pleased.

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The righteous shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, MY soul has no pleasure in him.

Here is an insightful account about faith and what God desires for us in our circumstances.

Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)

In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength.

God is waiting for us to turn, rest in quietness, and trust in HIM.

Isaiah 30:18 (ESV)

The LORD “waits to be gracious” to you, and then
“HE EXALTS HIMSELF TO SHOW MERCY” to you.

Blessed are all those who wait for HIM.

God is “waiting” to be gracious to us. HE is waiting for us to rest in quietness trusting HIM so HE can HE EXALT HIMSELF by showing mercy to us. We gotta believe in rest, quietness, and trust **so God can EXALT HIMSELF in us. Meditate on this!**

Think about God's view of us. As people of faith, we are different!

Hebrews 10:39 (ESV)

We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

We gotta believe because we are not those who shrink back and are destroyed, but we are those who live in faith to the fullness of life. Our life with Christ is preservation, the exact opposite of destruction both on earth and in heaven.

If we are true to our identity and take advantage of the resources God has provided, we will find strength to endure any crisis and never fall away from the truth. We need to hear what Jesus said, accept what HE said, and act on what HE said.

We gotta believe!

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.