

## FAITH FOR REAL LIFE

### Hebrews 11

11-13-22

#### I. Encouragement to Endure

Hebrews 10:34-36 – *"For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised."*

##### 1. We have a promise.

Hebrews 10:37 – *"For, 'Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay...'"*

##### 2. We have faith.

Hebrews 10:38-39 – *"...but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.' But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls."*

#### II. What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1-3 – *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."*

1. Future faith - "Assurance of things HOPED for"

2. Past faith - "Conviction of things not seen"

#### III. How Do I Deepen My Faith?

Through the study of God's Word.

## **GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK**

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. How does the world define faith? How does their definition differ from the definition we have in scripture?
3. Did you have any misconceptions or misunderstandings about faith before reading this chapter? How does this chapter help clarify what faith really is?
4. What are things that we can place our faith in outside of God?
5. What are some of God's promises to us as Christians from His Word?
  - *LOOK UP SOME PROMISES TOGETHER – John 16:33, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Romans 8:28, Romans 8:38-39, 1 John 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, and Hebrews 13:5.*
6. How does knowing these promises motivate us to live differently in difficult days?
7. We deepen our faith through the study of God in His Word. How can we prioritize the study of God's Word this week?
8. Why do we neglect God's Word?
9. What are some creative ways that you prioritize the reading of God's Word?