



Hebrews

Chapter 11:1-7

Encouragement

Habakkuk 2:3-4

*For yet a little while,
And **He who is coming will come** and will not delay.*

*Now **the just shall live by faith**;
But if anyone draws back,
My soul has no pleasure in him.*

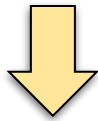
We are not of those who **draw back** to destruction,
but of those who **believe** to the saving of the soul.

(Hebrews 10:37-39)

To walk with God in this Life...



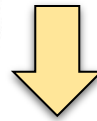
The Soldier



Focus
&
Discipline



The Athlete

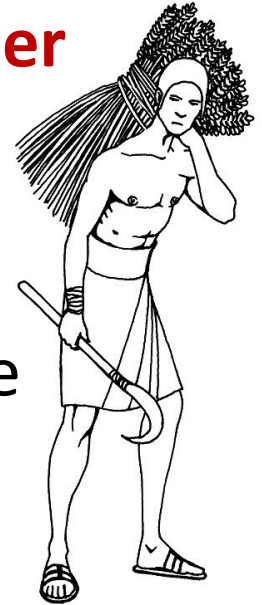


Skill
&
Training



The Farmer

Patience
&
Labour



A TRAINING CHECKLIST

- I have purposed in my heart to walk with God for the rest of my days
- I have counted the cost and I am willing (God helping me) to pay it
- I am taking every opportunity to learn from the Scripture and from others
- I am learning to allow God to search my heart and to guide my ways
- I am seeking to live with a clear conscience at all times
- I am learning, and practicing, self-discipline
- I am developing a habit of prayer and intercession for others
- I am learning to be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger
- I am learning to judge my whole life (at home and outside) by God's Word
- I am taking any available opportunity to help or to encourage others

“The just shall live by faith”



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- Faith and creation
- Faith and victory



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What about faith?



Why faith?

❖ **Foundational truths**

- God is the Creator and Lord of all
- We have rebelled against God
- We are fallen and defiled by sin

What about faith?



Why faith?

❖ **Faith is a heart matter**

➤ **Faith and our relationship with God**

- We submit to God
- We trust Him
- We depend upon Him

➤ **Faith's impact**

- Our rebellion is exposed
- Our pride is humbled
- Our self-centredness is driven out

What about faith?



Why faith?

❖ Is there another way?

- By our natural senses?
- Should God use force?
- Should God make us robots?

What about faith?



What is faith?

Hebrews 11:1: substance, assurance, being sure
Hebrews 1:3: essence, nature (objective)
Hebrews 3:14: confidence (subjective)

Now faith is the *hypostasis* of things hoped for,
the *elegchos* of things not seen.

(Hebrews 11:1)

Hebrews 11:1: evidence, conviction, being convinced
2 Timothy 3:16: reproof

What about faith?



What is faith?

For by it the people of old
were commended by God.
(Hebrews 11:2)

Now faith is the *being sure* of things hoped for,
the *being convinced* of things not seen.
(Hebrews 11:1)



Faith secures/guarantees
what is hoped for and
which is presently unseen

What about faith?



What is faith?

Without faith

it is impossible to please Him,

for the one who draws near to God

- Must believe that He is
and

His person

- He rewards those who seek Him.

His character

(Hebrews 11:6)



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Faith and creation

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.

(Hebrews 11:3)





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Faith and victory



Abel's sacrifice

Better or more
acceptable

Both Abel and
his offering
were accepted
(see Genesis 4:4)

By faith

Abel offered to God a greater sacrifice than Cain, through **which** he was commended as **righteous**, God bearing witness to his offerings, and through **it** he being dead still speaks.

(Hebrews 11:4)

*“...on you may come all the righteous
blood shed on the earth,
from the blood of **righteous Abel**...”*

(Matthew 23:35)

Faith and victory



Enoch's departure

Enoch walked with God;
and he was not,
for God took him.
(Genesis 5:24)

By faith

Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death,
"*and was not found, because God had taken him*";
for before he was taken he had this testimony,
that **he pleased God**.

(Hebrews 11:5)

Enoch ... prophesied ... saying,
"*Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints...*"
(Jude 1:14)

Faith and victory



Noah's ark

By faith

Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, out of godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the **righteousness** that comes by **faith**.

(Hebrews 11:7)

Noah walked with God.
(Genesis 6:9)



Abel...

Enoch...

Noah...

If you call yourself a Christian
then live like a Christian!

But how must a Christian live?

By faith – and it
impacts every part
of your life

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it is impossible to please Him,
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must believe that He is
and that He rewards those who seek Him.

(Hebrews 11:6)