

# CHF 16TH OCTOBER 2020

**THEME: LIVING BY FAITH**

**TOPIC: THE ACT OF LIVING BY FAITH**

**TEXT: HEBREWS 11:1-6, ROMANS 10:17, 1 JOHN 5:4**

## INTRODUCTION

True Bible faith is confident obedience to God's Word in spite of circumstances and consequences. Faith is only as good as its object, and the object of our faith is God. Faith is our total response to what God has revealed in His Word.

This week we continue our study and understanding of the subject of living by Faith.

### **50. Walking with unreasonable and wicked people drains you of faith.**

Finally, our friends, please pray for us. This will help the message about the Lord to spread quickly, and others will respect it, just as you do. Pray that we may be kept safe from worthless and evil people. After all, not everyone has faith. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 (AMPC)

**Q:** What are the things we need to look out for which can drain our faith?

### **51. Genuine faith is a product of a heart of love for God.**

You must teach people to have genuine love, as well as a good conscience and true faith. 1 Timothy 1:5 (CEV)

**Q:** What is true faith again?

### **52. One of the key measures of a man is his faith.**

As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching. Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience. Titus 2:1-2 (CEV)

**Q:** How is faith a key determinant of the measure of a man?

### **53. Only the Word mixed with faith will produce profit on all grounds.**

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. Hebrews 4:2 (KJV)

**Q:** Why is it necessary for us to respond or act on the word with faith?

### **54. People worth imitating are those who walk by faith in God.**

And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Hebrews 6:11-12 (KJV)

**55. Walking with God by faith is one stroll that never ends.**

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. Hebrews 11:5 (CEV)

**Q:** Why would we say faith is a lifelong lifestyle?

**56. Faith is the key to building a boat on dry land and being delivered from the worst storm.**

Because Noah had faith, he was warned about something that had not yet happened. He obeyed and built a boat that saved him and his family. In this way the people of the world were judged, and Noah was given the blessings that come to everyone who pleases God. Hebrews 11:7 (CEV)

**Q:** How many times have you done something in faith that doesn't make sense?

**57. Departure from the past and discovery of a greater future is a blessing for those who walk by faith.**

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. Hebrews 11:8 (KJV). Please give examples.

**58. Faith is the force that can produce life where death has been pronounced.**

Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 11:11 (KJV)

## **CONCLUSION**

Waiting is one of the most difficult disciplines of life. Yet true faith is able to wait for the fulfilment of God's purposes in God's time. But, while waiting, we must also be obeying. “By faith Abraham obeyed ...not knowing where he was going (Heb. 11:8–10).

Both Abraham and Sarah were too old to have children. Yet they both believed that God would do the miracle (Rom. 4:13–25). Unbelief asks, “How can this be?” (Luke 1:18–20). Faith asks, “How shall this be?” (Luke 1:34–37). Abraham believed and obeyed God when he did not know when God would fulfil His promises (Hebrews 11:13–16). None of the patriarchs saw the complete fulfilment of God's promises, but they saw from “afar off” what God was doing. Dr George Morrison, a great Scottish preacher, once said, “The important thing is not what we live in, but what we look for.” These men and women of faith lived in tents, but they knew a heavenly city awaited them. God always fulfils His promises to His believing people, either immediately or ultimately.