

“A Different Way to Live” Hebrews 11:1-6

I. Assurance of Things Hoped For ...

- A) A Different kind of Living
- B) A Different Kind of Confidence

How can we be “sure” of anything?

Is faith something that you do, or something that is given? See Philippians 1:29

II. The Conviction of Things Not Seen ...

- A) Worldly Faith
- B) Three Lessons of Biblical Faith

1) Creation

Lesson #1 = Biblical Faith is _____ & _____ on what God has _____.

2) Abel

Lesson #2 = Biblical Faith is more about what you _____ than what you _____.

3) Enoch (Genesis 5:22- 24)

Lesson #3 = Biblical faith is a _____ of _____.

III. The Impossibility without Faith

- A) Surprising Impossibility
- B) Pleasing God

Why don't we exercise faith?

- 1) We forget who _____.
- 2) We don't act on God's _____.
- 3) We see our _____ rather than our _____. see 2 Kings 6:17
- 4) We don't want to Draw _____ to _____.

C) Drawing Near to God

- 1) believe [faith] that He exists
- 2) believe [faith] that He is a rewarder

D) Our Example and our Power Source: Jesus

Prayers: John 11:41-43

Trials: Luke 22:42-44

Identity: Isaiah 53:7; Luke 23:8-10; John 19:10-11

Quotes:

“If I, a poor man, simply by prayer and faith, obtained without asking any individual, the means for establishing and carrying on an Orphan-House, there would be something which, with the Lord’s blessing, might be instrumental in strengthening the faith of the children of God, besides being a testimony to the consciences of the unconverted, of the reality of the things of God. This, then, was the primary reason for establishing the Orphan-House...the first and primary object of the work was (and still is:) that God might be magnified by the fact, that the orphans under my care are provided with all they need, only by prayer and faith without anyone being asked by me or my fellow-laborers whereby it may be seen, that God is faithful still, and hears prayer still.” George Muller, *Answers to Prayer*

“It is obvious that it was not the offerer who received approval because of the offerings, but the offerings because of the offerer.” Gregory the Great

“When we accept the finished work of Christ on our behalf, we act by the faith supplied by God’s grace. That is the supreme act of human faith, the act which, though it is ours, is primarily God’s—His gift to us out of His grace. When a person chokes or drowns and stops breathing, there is nothing he can do. If he ever breathes again it will be because someone else starts him breathing. A person who is spiritually dead cannot even make a decision of faith unless God first breathes into him the breath of spiritual life. Faith is simply breathing the breath that God’s grace supplies. Yet, the paradox is that we must exercise it and bear the responsibility if we do not (cf. [John 5:40](#)).” John MacArthur

“Ambitions for self may be quite modest ... Ambitions for God, however, if they are to be worthy, can never be modest. There is something inherently inappropriate about cherishing small ambitions for God. How can we ever be content that He would acquire just a little more honor in the world? No. Once we are clear that God is King, then we long to see him crowned with glory and honor, and accorded His true place, which is the supreme place. We become ambitious for the spread of His kingdom and righteousness everywhere.” Sinclair Ferguson, as cited in *Ambition*, by Dave Harvey

Application Questions:

When was the last time you stepped out in faith so that it was impossible for anyone other than God to show up and do what only God could do?

What most often prevents you from acting in faith? [1) Forgetting who God is; 2) Not acting on His promises; 3) Being overwhelmed by circumstance; 4) Not Drawing Near to God

Would people say that as they watched you live that you were living in a different way than most of the world around you? What specifically might they notice? In what area is God calling you to live differently than you have been recently?