

Believing God

Purpose of Faith

Message 1

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► Outline

And it is impossible to please God without faith.

Hebrews 11:6a (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11;
Hebrews 10:38; 11:6)

B. Faith...

(Hebrews 11:1-3,6)

Faith = Gk. *pistis*, means _____, trust,
_____, conviction, constancy,
_____, assurance.

1. Persuades of _____.

(Hebrews 11:1. C/R: John 14:16,26; Romans 2:8; 10:17;
1 Peter 1:8-9; 1 John 2:27)

2. Pleases _____.

(Hebrews 11:2,6. C/R: 2 Corinthians 5:8-9;
Ephesians 5:8-10; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4)

3. Perceives of _____.

(Hebrews 11:3. C/R: Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6;
Job 38:4; Psalm 33:6,9; Romans 1:19-20)

Answers: B. belief, persuasion, reliance 1. truth 2. God 3. creation

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Opening in Prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Conversation Starter

If you only had 24 hours left to live, what would you do?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Hebrews 11:1-3, 6](#)

1. How is hope related to faith (vs. 1)?
2. How does faith give us assurance (vs. 1)?
3. Name several things you cannot see that God wants you to believe.
4. What's something in the Bible you find difficult to believe?
5. Read vs. 3 again. What do these words stir in you? How can reflecting on creation strengthen your faith?
6. Why is it impossible to please God without faith (vs. 6)?

7. How do God's promises about the future shape your perspective or goals in life? Give some examples.
8. What is the purpose of faith, and why is it an essential part of having a relationship with God?
9. If a new believer asked you how to grow in faith, what would you tell them to do?
10. What steps will you take to grow in faith this week?

Soul Training

Spend some time outside this week and take a close look at creation. What do you notice? What stands out to you? What do these things teach you about God? What stirs in you as you consider something as small as a butterfly and as grand as the universe? Ask God to fill you with wonder and awe as you reflect on how big He is. Ask Him to fill you with faith in who He is and the things He's said.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Romans 1:16-17](#)

Day 4: [Ephesians 5:8-14](#)

Day 2: [Habakkuk 2:1-4](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 33:4-9](#)

Day 3: [Genesis 1:1-27](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, June 28, we'll continue the summer series *Believing God*, with a closer look at the life of Abel. To prepare, read [Genesis 4:1-16](#); and [Hebrews 11:1-4](#).

