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WHAT IS FAITH? - And How Do I Know If I Have Any?

Foundation Scriptures

Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:6

“But without faith it is impossible to please him...”

Romans 10:17

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is trusting God enough to _____ on what He has said even before I can _____ the outcome.

Faith is not merely believing that God **can**.

Faith is trusting God enough to _____ Him.

HOW CAN I TELL IF I HAVE FAITH?

James 2:17 — “Faith, if it hath not works, is dead...”

Faith produces _____.

Ask yourself:

What am I doing differently because I believe God?

FOUR EXAMPLES OF FAITH

1. ABRAHAM — Genesis 12:1–4; Hebrews 11:8

Faith is willing to _____ without having every detail.

“He went out, not knowing whither he went.”

2. NOAH — Hebrews 11:7

Faith _____ for what God has promised before it appears.

Noah believed God—and built the ark.

3. THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD — Mark 5:25–34

Faith pushes through _____ to get to Jesus.

“If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.”

4. THE WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH — 1 Kings 17:8–16

She had:

A handful of _____.

A little _____.

And enough for _____ more meal.

But Elijah told her:

“Fear not...”

Then he said:

“Make me thereof a little cake _____.”

FIVE TESTS OF FAITH

1. Faith _____ God. — Romans 10:17
2. Faith _____ God. — Proverbs 3:5–6
3. Faith _____ God. — James 2:17–18
4. Faith acts before it _____. — Hebrews 11:1
5. Faith keeps trusting while it _____. — Hebrews 10:35–36

THE KEY VERSE

1 Kings 17:15

“And she went and _____ according to the saying of Elijah...”

That is the evidence of faith.

She didn't merely say she believed.

SHE ACTED ON WHAT SHE BELIEVED.

PERSONAL FAITH CHECK

What has God said that I need to believe?

What fear has been keeping me from acting?

What step of obedience do I need to take?

MY DECLARATION

I will trust God when I cannot trace Him.

I will obey God even when I cannot see the outcome.

I will walk by faith and not by sight.

I HAVE FAITH IN GOD!