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Commendable Faith

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:2

This is what the ancients, the people in the days of old, were commended for.

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

Hebrews 11:4a

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings.

Hebrews 11:4b

And by faith Abel still speaks,
even though he is dead.

Hebrews 11:5a

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.”

Hebrews 11:5b

For before he was taken, he was
commended as one who pleased
God.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:23

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Hebrews 11:24

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Hebrews 11:25

He chose to be mistreated along
with the people of God rather
than to enjoy the fleeting
pleasures of sin.

Hebrews 11:26

He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Hebrews 11:27

By faith he left Egypt, not fearing
the king's anger; he persevered
because he saw him who is
invisible.

Hebrews 11:28

By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Hebrews 11:29

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

Hebrews 11:30

By faith the walls of Jericho fell,
after the army had marched
around them for seven days.

Hebrews 11:31

By faith the prostitute Rahab,
because she welcomed the spies,
was not killed with those who
were disobedient.

Hebrews 11:32

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets,

Hebrews 11:33

who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames,

Hebrews 11:34

and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Hebrews 11:35

Women received back their dead,
raised to life again. But there
were others who were tortured,
refusing to be released so that
they might gain an even better
resurrection.

Hebrews 11:36

Some faced mocking and whipping, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning;

Hebrews 11:37

they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—

Hebrews 11:38

This world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

Hebrews 11:39

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received all that had been promised by God.

Hebrews 11:40

For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

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Faith *Definition*

**Faith is probably best understood
by what it does, more than its
definition.**

The Facets of Faith

- **Believes that God exists.**
- **Believes that God has revealed Himself through the Bible, and that what He has said is true.**
- **Enters into a personal relationship with God.**

The Facets of Faith

- **Makes Jesus Christ its Lord and Savior.**
- **Believes that God will reward those who exercise true faith.**

Misconceptions of Faith

- **Faith is a life of reflective devotion to any god or any set of beliefs that transforms the individual into a more purposeful, loving person.**

Misconceptions of Faith

- **Faith is predominantly about what facts or doctrines I believe or what things I affirm.**
- **Faith is blind. It exists contrary to facts, data, science or medicine.**

Misconceptions of Faith

- **I will have faith in God so long as He is good to me, according to my definition of good.**
- **Faith is dependent on one's background, upbringing, and family.**

Principle #1

**Without faith it is impossible to
be right with God.**

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And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

The life of faith is the only life that pleases God. And living by faith is the only right path for God's people.

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Principle #3

Commendable faith should be the goal of every Christian.

Job 1:8

Then the Lord asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.”

Numbers 12:3

(Now Moses was very humble—
more humble than any other
person on earth.)

Matthew 25:23a

The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; so I will put you in charge of many things.'

Matthew 25:23b

**Let's celebrate together! Enter
into the joy of your Master.**

Principle #3

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Principle #4

No one is born with commendable faith. Every hero and heroine of the faith had to start their journey one decision, one step, one situation, and one day at a time.

Principle #5

Commendable faith is the result of God's Spirit working extraordinarily in the lives of ordinary people who chose to have faith.

Principle #6

Commendable faith has different outcomes for different people.

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Principle #7

Commendable faith is anchored in its intimate relationship with God, which allows it to stay on target with the ultimate reality, God's Eternal Kingdom.

**Is your faith a
commendable faith?**

**How would your life be
different if your goal was
to have a commendable
faith?**

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