



Oct. Memory Verse: *“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”* **Hebrews 11:6**

Series: Jesus is Better (25)

Title: Jesus Gives Better Faith: Faith Described

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-6

Hebrews 10:35 ***Therefore do not throw away your confidence**, which has a great reward. 36 **For you have need of endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. 37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 **but my righteous one shall live by faith**, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” 39 But **we are not of those who shrink back** and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls*

Read **Hebrews 11:1-40**

What faith is NOT:

- Saving faith is not faith for faith’s sake.
 - It is not blind optimism (Somewhere over the rainbow).
 - It is not conjured up feelings (The sun will come out tomorrow).
 - It is not feelings divorced from GOSPEL TRUTH.

1 John 2:22-26

- Saving faith is not believing without evidence (superstition).
 - It is not a leap in the dark.
 - It is not accepting something to be true apart from the evidence.
 - It is not “I believe” because “I believe.”
- Saving faith is not positive thinking.
 - It is not faith in yourself.
 - It is not faith in your job.
 - It is not pumping yourself up.

Saving Faith starts with GOD, the object of faith. **Romans 5:1-2**

What faith is: (Heb. 11:1-6)

Saving faith is active dependence on what can be known about God through Christ.

1. **Faith starts with knowledge of God. (11:3, John 17:3)**

HOW?!

God shows Himself in creation. God shows Himself in the Bible. God shows Himself in Jesus.

2. **Faith continues in assent to and belief in gospel truth. (11:1, 1 John 5:1-5, James 2:19)**
3. **Faith is sealed in trusting and acting on that gospel truth. (11:2, 4-6, Matt. 11:28-29)**

What faith causes:

- **Commendation from the Lord**
- **Believers to draw near to God**

