

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 (26) Title: Jesus Gives Better Faith: Faith Demonstrated Scripture: Hebrews 11:7-13

People in Hebrews 11 had famous faith in the One True God.

- Noah is famous for building an ark and living through the flood.
- Abraham is famous for being the patriarch and father of many people.
- Sarah is famous for bearing a child and becoming a mother at a really old age.

Everyone lives by faith everyday.

• Hebrews 11 repeats the phrase "by faith" over and over again.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we live by faith in the One True God.

• Galatians 2:20, I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

So, what does "living by faith" look like? How do we demonstrate living by faith in the One True God?

Three ways we demonstrate living by faith in God:

- 1. Living by Faith in God Demonstrates Reverence for His Word. (Hebrews 11:7)
 - Noah took God at His Word. Living by Faith Results in Taking God at His Word.
 - Noah believed the prophecy of God.
 - Noah recognized the holiness of God. "reverent fear" godly fear.
 - Noah revealed the righteousness of God.
 - Noah received the grace of God.
 - Romans 10:17, So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- 2. Living by Faith in God Demonstrates Confidence in His Promises. (Hebrews 11:8-10)
 - God's Word teaches us God's Promises.
 - Abraham's obedience did not produce his faith, his obedience proved his faith in the living God.
 - Here's a promise: as you are going, God directs your daily steps.
 - Living by faith involves waiting by faith.
 - Here's a promise: as you are waiting, God prepares your eternal home.
- 3. Living by Faith in God Demonstrates Dependence on His Power. (Hebrews 11:11–12)
 - Conception is not just a matter of biology.
 - Our impotence is not a problem for His power.
 - His power makes our impossibilities possible.
 - God shows His strength in our weakness for His glory.

Living by faith is a personal decision that has profound impact.

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