

A Life of Faith

Many people declare that they believe in God. Many also say that they have faith. However, we must remember that faith must be built with the right material. If it is not, our faith will not stand.

Scripture(s): Genesis 12:1-4(9)

I. The first characteristic of a life built on faith is

_____ from God. Abraham had much more than a _____ of life. Those who walk in faith do so because God has _____ to them.

Hebrews 4:7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

Ephesians 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

II. The second characteristic of a life built on faith is treating God's promises as truly _____. God's promises are what give faith _____ and reality. Trusted _____ are the foundation of faith.

Hebrews 11:17-19 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED." 19 He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Romans 4:13-14 13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;

Romans 4:16 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

III. The third characteristic of a life built on faith is _____. Abraham obeyed simply as God _____ him. Obedience is not based upon 'if I am _____' but on 'God said it'.

Hebrews 11:8-10 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Key thought - Build your faith on a _____ relationship with God.

Our challenge: Begin your faith anew by intentionally living by what God has _____.

1. Come back to what God has _____.
2. Choose to trust God's _____.
3. Obey what God is asking you to _____.

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