




Faith: That pleases God



Hebrews 11



1. Biblical faith is the confident belief that my hopes will be realized, in spite of...

A. Heb. 11:1 *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction [evidence] of things not seen. (ESV)*

- “assurance” - confidence, certainty;
- “conviction” - evidence, proof.

B. My heart’s desires are the seed of what I hope for.

2. My faith is of utmost importance to God.

- *Heb. 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*
 - “Impossible” - powerless, unable; wo a chance
 - “Rewarder” – literally, one who pays wages; one who renders in return for performance.



3. Our faith-filled prayers put God to “work.”

- My faith + my prayers moves God. God moves mountains. (EM Bounds)**



4. Believers are called to believe in spite of delays. Timing is in God's hands, not ours.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. (Heb. 11:39-40 ESV)



- **Next Steps**

- 1. Memorize these two verses:**

- 1. Heb 11:1**

- 2. Heb 11:6**

- 2. By an act of your will, choose to “hope,” again.**

- 3. If you have “heard” from Christ today (Romans 10:17), be converted in what you believe about God and prayer.**