



BIBLE BASICS
ACADEMY

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FAITH

GOD'S WORD

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Many times “faith” is used to describe a blind step in the dark, but biblical faith is categorically different. Biblical faith is based on evidence and requires trust and commitment. As one reads through Hebrews 11 (sometimes called “The Faith Hall of Fame”) numerous examples are given of people fully convinced that God is with them. In fact, the first verse of the chapter gives a definition of *faith* (Heb. 11:1). Faith is vitally important for every Christian, because without it, one cannot have salvation nor grow in trust in God.

Memory Verses: Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:1; Jam. 2:26

Key Points

- The Christian faith is logical, evidenced, and reliable.
- God requires each person to put their belief into action (i.e., faith).
- Paul regularly uses the phrase “we are not saved by works” to mean “we are not saved by works of the law.”
- God did not send his Son to save us because we are good people (Eph. 2:4–5; Rom. 5:6–11).
- We grow in faith by studying God’s Word and following it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the Bible define “belief,” and how does it relate to faith?
2. What does the Bible mean when it says, “We are saved by faith?”
3. How do the examples in Hebrews 11 show that faith is based on evidence, assurance, and conviction?

CHAIN REFERENCE

-Hebrews 11:1, 6

-Romans 10:17

-Ephesians 2:8-9

-James 2:14-26

-Romans 3:28

-Galatians 3:21-26

-Galatians 2:20

-Galatians 2:16

-1 Peter 1:6-9

-Jude 3

