

Seeing the Unseen

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

What is godly faith?

A trust in God and His promises that leads to obedience

Faith can be seen to incorporate both **trust** in the promises of God, as well as **faithfulness** to God when tested by difficult situations.

Endurance, then, is also an attribute of faith lived in the real world.

Faith, rather than being something ultimately dependent **upon** us, comes **to** us at God's own initiative which engenders a hope-filled response to the promises of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

Abraham

Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Revelation 21:2-6

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

Moses

Hebrews 11:24-27

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

Ephesians 1:3-8, 13-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he **chose** us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In **love** he predestined us for **adoption** to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious **grace**, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us...When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised **Holy Spirit**, who is a deposit guaranteeing our **inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession.

Rahab

Hebrews 11:31

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

Ruth 2:10-12

At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?” Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”

On June 4th at 13 weeks pregnant, we found out I had miscarried. I had two dreams our baby was a boy so we went with that and named him Killian. I'm reminded once again that life is so precious and that we're truly not in control, but the sovereign Lord is. He opens and closes the womb as he wills and I'm so comforted by the fact that Killian only knew the comfort of my womb and now, Lord willing, the glory of heaven...It is truly a blessing to mourn alongside the saints of God. Thank you Lord for the joy of carrying this sweet babe for even a short time. All glory and praise to our good and almighty God!

Job 1:21

*“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
and naked I will depart.[a]
The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
may the name of the Lord be praised.”*

Hebrews 12:1-2

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.