

Read pages 165 - 166 Re the study of the flying spider; by Jonathan Edwards.

Faithful. The ability To remain loyal or steadfast.

I think the first thing we need to look at is the word it all comes from and that is "faith."

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.ESV

Faith having a persuasion, moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:— assurance, belief,

To believe in something completely, gives the ability to remain loyal and steadfast.

So for us to be Faithful, or "Full of faith" will give us the ability to Have an assurance of things hoped for, and to pursue things that are not yet seen, things we may be seeking God for; with a conviction that they are going to happen.

Does any one have an example where you Had faith for some thing that you saw happen?

To have faith in some-one, is to trust them in whatever situation you face together, or in the promise they made to you about some thing they might do for you.

You consider them "faithful."

We trust them and trust their word to us.

Heb 1 gives us 2 things to consider.

Assurance and Conviction.

1: Assurance: New bible Dictionary says: Grounds for certainty. [a pledge, token or proof]

The original meaning of assurance can be translated:  
a setting under (support),

Paul states in Acts 17:31 when speaking to the men of Athens. (Men who worshipped many idols.)

because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

God gave a proof to us in the raising of Jesus from the dead, that there is indeed a life to hope for after death. To have an assurance, or belief that it is true.

2 Tim 3:14 [NIV]

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of [Have assurance of], because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

To have this assurance in our Christian walk, A faith in our heart, a peace in the everyday life we live; then read the word of God. Like Timothy, get to know the Holy Scriptures.

Even the phrase "the word of God" should make us want to know what God says about things and how we can have that assurance as we see the proofs or pledge God gives us through what he says, or the life of those who have gone before us. This will give us that firm foundation that we can build our life on and have that peace in the midst of all circumstances.

2: certainty. evidence 1;

a proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested.

What do we have that can be the proof we need to be certain about what we cannot see.

1. The word God has given about Himself. His promises to us. The order of His Kingdom. His will, seen throughout scripture and history. The things seen in Jesus life.

2. Testimony. When we hear of the wonders God has worked in peoples lives, it gives us an understanding of what God is willing to do for His children.

Bill Johnson once wrote: Testimony is the prophesy of Jesus.

What do we see when we read scripture?

### **GOD IS A FAITHFUL GOD**

1 Corinthians 1:6-9

even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

But the Lord is faithful. . [objectively, trustworthy; subjectively, trustful:, sure, true.]

He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:13

if we are faithless, he remains faithful —  
for he cannot deny himself.

Faithful is who God is. He cannot deny Himself and choose to be what He is not.

Our God IS a faithful God, and this is where our faith; our assurance or conviction comes from.

We can have our good times when it is easy to believe for the good.

But when times are hard, we have an assurance in the FACT that God cannot be unfaithful.

1 Peter 4:19

Therefore let those who suffer according to God 's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

This can give us the confidence in living a life that can begin to believe in those things that are not then seen.

