

# "Where is your Faith?"

And he said unto  
*your faith?* And they

wondered, saying one to another, What  
commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him. [LUKE 8:25] [KJV]

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them, *Where is  
being afraid*

manner of man is this! for he

Today is a great day to check out where our faith really is. What are we putting our faith in? Where are we putting our faith? Hopefully, it is Jesus Christ. There are so many examples in the Bible of faith. Today I would like to share some of these stories and comments with you.

**~But first, what is faith? ~**

Let us look at this list of what Faith is: Faith is real, Faith is a gift, Faith is the life of Christ, Faith is stepping where there is no place to step, Faith is victory, Faith is endurance, Faith is the opposite of fear, Faith is pleasing God, Faith is Bible living, Faith is salvation, Faith is the authority of God, Faith is complete surrender, and finally Faith is seeing the unseen – the invisible. -Taken from Lester Roloff list of thirty.-

If you look at Hebrews 11:1 it says about the same thing, “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*”

(HEBREWS 11:1 MKJV)

One dictionary definition of “Faith” is, “Belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence.” The synonym for faith would be belief, meaning almost the same thing in most instances. The Christian definition as recorded in the dictionary is “The theological virtue defined as secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of God’s will.”



In the King James Version of the Bible, the word “Faith” is used 247 times, but surprisingly only 2 times in the Old Testament and the other 245 times are of course in the New Testament. This does not count the times another variation of faith is used in the Bible, such as faithful, faithfulness, etc.

## ~Where it all Started~

It all started in Genesis, in the beginning, in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve made a choice. A choice made by sight and not faith. Look at Genesis 3:6, *When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.* [GENESIS 3:6] [NAS] Adam and Eve destroyed the great relationship they had with the Lord.

What if Adam and Eve had just said to Satan, wait a minute, let me check this out with God? Let us give God a chance to explain, but they disregarded God's previous instructions and precepts. They made a decision based on seeing and not based upon God's commandments. They immediately trusted Satan and what he told them and surprisingly did what he said. Adam and Eve put their faith in Satan and not God.

Before sin, Adam and Eve lived in a perfect world, without sin, a perfect relationship with God. By putting their faith in Satan, they chose to die with the faithless and lying Satan instead of choosing eternal life with their faithful Lord, their creator, as well as the creator of the universe and all that is good in it. As recorded in Hebrews 11:1; *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* [HEBREWS 11:1] [KJV] As in Genesis 3:6, it says, *the woman SAW that the tree was good for food.* [Emphasis mine]. Instead of walking by faith which is, "*the evidence of things not seen,*" [HEB 11:1b] they chose to walk by sight. Remember, today we still have that choice, to walk with Satan or walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Not much has changed in today's world. We still want to see it instead of believing in the Almighty Lord, sight unseen. The slogan that may apply today is, "Show it to me and maybe I will believe!" as recorded in II Corinthians 5:7, *for we walk by faith, not by sight* - [2 CO 5:7] [NAS]



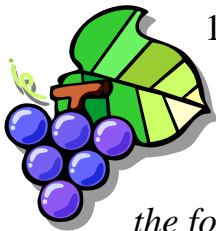
## ~Chose your side~

Habakkuk reminds us that we must “live by faith.” He says the proud will be destroyed, deeds are not upright. On the other side is the just: who lives by faith. Habakkuk Chapter two, verse four says, *"Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.* [HAB 2:4] [NAS] The wicked Babylonians trusted in themselves and would fall, but the righteous live by faith and trust in God in all matters. God will direct all things for His purpose. So as Christians, we are to have faith in God, knowing that His purpose for us is correct and He will work out His plan for each of us in His own timing.



Our faith gives us hope in this evil, sinful world; it lets us know that God is still in control and is sovereign. Habakkuk the prophet was asking God; why He was not destroying or dealing with all the evil? Why was He letting evil triumph? Then Habakkuk talks to God about the evil nation and he gets his answer in the way of, “wait upon the Lord and be faithful;” it will all be worked out in God’s timing. Don’t give up hope; keep the faith, God has the final say-so. Let God take care of the evil ways of this world. We are to continue to keep the Faith.

God does not overlook sin, for one day He will rule the whole earth with perfect justice. Habakkuk realized this in his writing; look at Habakkuk Chapter 3, verses 17-19;



17 *Though the fig tree should not blossom  
And there be no fruit  
on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail  
And the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from  
the fold  
And there be no cattle in the stalls,*

18 *Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.*

19 *The Lord GOD is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet,  
and makes me walk on my high places.* [NAS]

If you are having a struggle today with getting from your doubt to your faith, just read the book of Habakkuk, it's only three short chapters. You will be rewarded.

The New Testament writers thought of this verse in Habakkuk from Chapter 2, verse four many times. Paul used it in Romans and Galatians and the writer of Hebrews used it in Chapter 10, verse 38 just before the Hebrews Faith chapter, chapter 11. They quoted that we are to "live by faith" in the following verses.

- *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."* [ROM 1:17] [NAS]
- *Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."* [GAL 3:11] [NAS]
- *BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.* [HEB 10:38] [NAS]

### ~Where is Your Faith? ~

Doubt or unbelief is the opposite of faith. When we don't believe or don't have the faith, Jesus will not do as much in our life as He would if we had the faith. Let us look at two examples below from the New Testament.

~Jesus Calms the Sea - Matthew 8:18-27~ Also in Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25.

18 *Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.*

The Sea of Galilee is a relatively small body of water (13 x 7 miles), but 150 feet deep. The shoreline is 680 feet below sea level. Sudden storms can come up without warning, stirring the water into waves, up to 20 feet.

19 *And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.*

20 *And Jesus saith unto him, **The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.***

21 *And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.*

22 *But Jesus said unto him, **Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.***

23 *And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.*

24 *And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.*

25 *And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.*



26 *And he saith unto them, **Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*

27 *But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!'*

Although the disciples had witnessed many miracles by Jesus, especially healings and He had even raised people from the dead. They still had to call upon Jesus due to their fear. There were several fishermen that were now Jesus' disciples, so they should know about storms and boats. So I can imagine how big the waves were to make an experienced fisherman afraid of drowning. But they knew who to call upon, Jesus Christ, the great restorer of the storm. Just as we, in the time of our own storm should call upon the Name of Jesus for rescue, the great storm calmer.

**~Jesus teaching at Nazareth, His own country~**

Jesus chose to limit his healings of sick folks when there was unbelief. I say chose to because He could have continued many healings with the folks not having any faith, but He chose not to. We have this example when Jesus went to his own country, Nazareth. Let us look at these Scriptures, in Mark 6:1-6.

1 *And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.*

2 *And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?*

3 *Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.*

4 *But Jesus, said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.***

5 *And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.*

6 *And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.*[MARK 6:1-6] [NAS]

### **~Faith Stories~**

There are so many faith stories in the Bible, but here are a couple of them. Let us look at some miracles done by Jesus while on this earth. Notice how the



healings were so easily done in the next readings, as compared to the healings of the unbelief that we just read. Was it due to the faith of the individuals?

### **~Miracles of Healing Matthew 9:18-35~ Also in Mark 5:21-43 and Luke 8:40-56.**

18 *While He was saying these things to them, a synagogue official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."*

19 *Jesus got up and began to follow him, and so did His disciples.*

20 *And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak;*

21 *for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I will get well."*

22 *But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "**Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.**" At once the woman was made well.*

23 *When Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder,*



24 He said, *"Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep."* And they began laughing at Him.

25 But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

26 This news spread throughout all that land.

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

28 When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, *"Do you believe that I am able to do this?"* They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, *"It shall be done to you according to your faith."*

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: *"See that no one knows about this!"*

31 But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land.

32 As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him.

33 After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. [MATTHEW 9:18-35][NAS]

**~Jesus Cleanses a Leper and the Centurion's Faith~ Matthew 8:1-13.**



1 When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him.

2 And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said,

"Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

3 Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, *"I am willing; be cleansed."* And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus said to him, *"See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."*

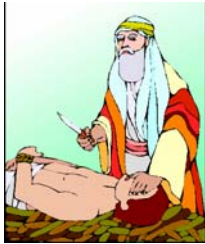
5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him,  
6 and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented."

7 Jesus said to him, *"I will come and heal him."*

8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

9 "For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

10 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following,



*"Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.*

11 *"I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;*

12 *but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, *"Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed."* And the servant was healed that very moment. [Matthew 8:1-13] [NAS]

### **~The Triumphs of Faith~**

Let me ask you that important question today, where is your faith? Is it in Jesus Christ, the Creator of all things, or in some person, some preacher or pastor, some government, your money or another God? Let me ask you today, this question again, "Where is your Faith?" It's important to know where your faith is. Think about the last time you had a problem or some situation, who did you look to for comfort? Remember Hebrew 11:1, *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* [HEB 11:1] [KJV]

Hebrews continues on about faith; it says, we have to have faith to believe that the world was created by God, by just speaking the word.



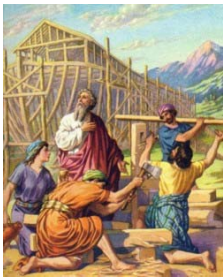
*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. [HEB 11:3] [KJV]*

It's impossible to please God without faith. We have never seen God, so we have to have faith to believe that He is. Hebrews confirms this in verse six.

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. [HEB 11:6] [KJV]*

Hebrews Chapter 11 goes on to tell us about some of the great men and women of faith from biblical days, it says:

❖ *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, [HEB 11:4] [KJV]*



❖ *By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, [HEB 11:5] [KJV]*

❖ *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet [HEB 11:7] [KJV]*

❖ *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; [HEB 11:8] [KJV]*

❖ *Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, [HEB 11:11] [KJV]*

❖ *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, [HEB 11:23] [KJV]*

❖ *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; [HEB 11:24] [KJV]*

❖ *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: [HEB 11:27] [KJV]*

❖ *Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, [HEB 11:28] [KJV]*

❖ *By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: [HEB 11:29] [KJV]*

❖ *By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. [HEB 11:30] [KJV]*

❖ *By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, [HEB 11:31] [KJV]*

Faith in God alone will supply you the answers. The issue is not with God, but with our limited understanding of Him.

Where do we get faith? According to the Bible it comes from hearing, go to Romans 10:17, *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

[ROM 10:17] [NAS]

### ~Questions about Faith~



The questions may be asked; how many faiths are there, and which faith is the correct one and how must we seek out that faith?

#### **-There is one faith.**

There is only one faith, how do we know? See Ephesians 4:4-6, it reads;  
4 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;*

5 *one Lord, one faith, one baptism,*

6 *one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

[EPH 4:4-6] [NAS]

#### **-It is the Faith of the Gospel.**

Since we know that there is only one faith, now, what is that faith? To find out, we go to Philippians 1:27, it says:

*Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;* [PHI 1:27] [NAS]

#### **-We must contend earnestly for it.**

Now that we have one faith, which we know is the gospel of Christ, we are to contend or seek-out that one faith of that one Gospel.

*Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.* [JUD 1:3] [NAS]

Jude emphasizes the important relationship between correct doctrine and true faith. The truth of the Bible must not be compromised, because it gives us the real

facts about Jesus and salvation. The Bible is inspired by God and should never be twisted or manipulated; when it is, we can become confused over right and wrong and lose sight of the only path that leads to eternal life. Before writing about salvation, then, Jude felt he had to set his readers back on the right track, calling them back to the basics of their faith. Then the way to salvation would be clearer.

## Have Faith in Him

### ~Faithful to God~

I would like to answer the question today. How do we know about God and his faithfulness to us? Can we bank on what He says in the end? Let us look at the Holy Scriptures, the Bible; the Book of the Truth. It says:

- 1<sup>st</sup> God is not man - *"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"* [NUM 23:19] [NAS]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> God does not lie - *in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,* [TIT 1:2] [NAS]
- 3<sup>rd</sup> God always keeps His promises - *Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.* [1 TH 5:24] [NAS]

How much of what we do is really motivated by an implicit trust in God's Word? This is how we can tell whether we are living by faith, but we must be honest in our self-evaluation. It is easy to shade the truth through self-deception. We need to tell it like it is and let the chips fall where they may. Don't read more into it than there is.

God is working behind the scenes to bring His purpose to the conclusion He has foreordained. In short, it says, "God controls the march of history."

### ~Foundation of Faith~



Just as the foundation of a building is usually not seen; it's underground. We usually can't see the foundation, but we can see the results. If the building does not have a good foundation, it will eventually collapse or

become unusable. Just as our faith, we cannot see, but it's the foundation of our Christian walk. For: *We walk by faith and not sight.* [II COR 5:7] [NAS]

Paul makes it clear in Romans 14:23 about sin and faith.

*But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.* [ROM 14:23] [NAS]

### **~Results of Justification~**

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,* [ROM 5:1] [NAS]

“A blessed change takes place in the sinner's state, when he becomes a true believer, whatever he has been. Being justified by faith he has peace with God. The holy, righteous God cannot be at peace with a sinner, while under the guilt of sin. Justification takes away the guilt, and so makes way for peace.” Matthew Commentary

When we have faith in Jesus Christ, we became sons or daughter of God. *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.* [GAL 3:26] [NAS]

What are we saved by? We have been saved by grace through faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Ephesians 2:8-9.

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;* [EPH 2:8] [NAS]

*not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.* [EPH 2:9] [NAS]

“Works in the Scripture are the product or fruit of salvation, not the cause of it. Lest any man should boast. There will be no boasting in heaven because there will be no one there who has anything to boast about (1Co 4:7).” Wycliffe Commentary

### **~Faith and Works or Faith versus Works~**

True faith will demonstrate itself in works, and only such a faith brings justification.
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Mere profession of faith accomplishes nothing. Faith is completed and attested by the actions it prompts. Faith without such actions is dead, and no one can be saved to life in Christ by a dead faith. A Christian is saved and justified before God by faith, but it is a live faith through which God accomplishes His purposes by good works.

There is no contradiction. Faith is required. Works are required. We are to work His will and obey the laws of God by our faith in Jesus Christ. Works promotes growth of godly character and provides a shining example of true Christian living.

What are some of God's characteristics that we all need to have and use, some they would be: Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

If a person has living faith, his belief will be a conviction, and works will occur. Faith is simply, believing and doing what God says.

Faith is a gift from God so we can produce righteous works.

James has a lot to say about faith and works. According to James they go together. If you have true faith you will have works to show that you have faith. They go hand in hand. Let James explain in the following Scriptures 2:14-26.

14 *What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?*

15 *If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,*

16 *and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?*

**Low Risk** 17 *Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.*

**High Reward** 18 *But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."*

19 *You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.*

20 *But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?*

21 *Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?*

22 *You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;*

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God.

24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

[JAMES 2:14-26] [NAS]

James was writing to those who had accepted the doctrine of justification by faith, but were not living right, telling them that such faith was no faith at all.

Faith without works is dead. Faith with works is life – Eternal life!

### ~Our Faith will be Tested~

Our faith will be tested according to James. We will be tested on how we respond to various trials and tribulations. These trials will produce endurance.

2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. [JAMES 1:2-3][NAS]

One of the best examples or rather the best example is Jesus Christ himself, having the faith to do what God sent Him here on earth to do. He followed through on the will of the Father. *From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.* [MAT 16:21]



[KJV] It wasn't an option for Him; He kept the faith and did what was required of Him. He died for the salvation of the world, for everyone that will accept Him as their Savior. As He said in the

Scripture above, "He must go into Jerusalem." Notice His faith in The Father and His knowing what would be the end.



This study of “faith” could go on and on, it could be a never ending study. But we have to end somewhere. But, let me encourage you to continue the faith study on your own. And again, where is your faith today? Praise the Lord, Amen.

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Below is Hebrews 11:1 in several different versions of the Bible for your information. I don't necessarily endorse all these translations below.

## **Book, Chapter and Verse Preaching**

- *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. [HEB 11:1] [KJV]*
- *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. [HEB 11:1] [NAS]*
- *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. [HEB 11:1] [NIV]*
- *What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. [HEB 11:1] [TLB]*
- *And faith is of things hoped for a confidence, of matters not seen a conviction, [HEB 11:1] [YLT]*
- *Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen. (Heb 11:1 ASV)*
- *Now faith is the assurance of things we hope for, the certainty of things we cannot see. (Heb 11:1 ISV)*
- *To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. (Heb 11:1 GNB)*
- *Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see. (Heb 11:1 GW)*
- *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1 KJV-1611)*
- *Now faith is the essence of things being hoped, the evidence of things not having been seen. (Heb 11:1 LITV)*
- *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen. (Heb 11:1 RV)*
- *And faith is of things hoped for a confidence, of matters not seen a conviction, (Heb 11:1 YLT)*



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