

Anchored in Faith

WHAT IS IT?

DEFINITIONS:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Complete trust or confidence in someone or something. -Webster

Faith is that which enables us to treat as real the things that are unseen. -Victor Rhee

Being satisfied with all that God is for us in Jesus. -John Piper

-it's not from yourself, it's a gift – Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:27-28, Romans 12:1-3, Mark 9:24, Luke 17:5

-Jesus is the author and perfecter of it – Hebrews 12:2

-grows through use & it's proven through action – James 1:2-4, James 2:17, 2 Thessalonians 1:3

-pleases God - Hebrews 11:6

-makes all things possible – Matthew 17:20

-it sustains us -1 Peter 1:6-9

OPPOSITE OF IT:

Unbelief ... which leads to control, fear, mistrust

HOW DO YOU GET IT?

-hearing about Jesus – Romans 10:17

-it's not from yourself, it's a gift – Ephesians 2:8-9

TWO ASPECTS...

Knowing what's true...

AND

TRUSTING the TRUTH

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace.

In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

I am with you always. Matthew 28:20

The Lord of Heaven's Armies has sworn this oath: "It will happen as I have planned. It will be as I have decided."

Isaiah 14:24

God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to Him for protection. Psalm 18:30

WHAT BUILDS IT...

-exercising it

-seeing it work

"for we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

What does it look like to walk in faith?

"it was by faith, Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for salvation of his household..." Hebrews 11:7

1. _____ and _____ in Him.

"Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did." Genesis 6:22

"You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete." James 2:22

2. Our _____.

"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac as a sacrifice..." Hebrews 11:17-18,

3. _____ in Him _____ fully _____ His _____.

"It is my grief, that the right hand of the Most High has changed.

I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; surely I will remember Your Wonders of old." Psalm 77: 10-11

4. _____.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. What is something you need to trust Him with, despite understanding His plan?
2. What's happened that causes you to question His goodness, thus preventing you to walk by faith?
3. Where are you not walking by faith? Confess to Him your lack of faith and ask for more faith.