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Do You Possess Real Faith?
Hebrews 11:1-6

In the understanding of Jesus, faith is an act of trust and self-abandonment in which people no longer rely on their own strength and policies, but commit themselves to the power and guiding word of him in whom they believe

I. Faith is putting complete trust in Jesus and what He says.

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

II. Faith depends upon the knowledge of God's Word.

Romans 10:17 - Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

III. Faith is essential to our relationship with God.

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Ephesians 2:8 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

IV. Faith is having confidence in God without regard to our circumstances.

2 Corinthians 5:7 - We live by faith, not by sight.

V. Faith was initiated and demonstrated by Christ.

Hebrews 12:2 - Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the [author] and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

VI. Faith will always produce Godly action.

James 2:17 - In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.