



A Life of Faith

A central teaching in scripture is the concept of faith. The Bible defines faith, but we are left to learn how to walk this faith in real life.

I. DEFINING FAITH

A. How does the Bible define faith?

Acts 27:25

Romans 4:20-21

Hebrews 11:1

B. What surprises you about the definition of faith suggested by these verses?

II. THE FOCUS OF FAITH

Our faith must have a direction, but not just any direction. Identifying where to place our faith is a significant decision.

A. What are we to place our faith in?

John 15:7

Isaiah 26:3

Romans 8:28-29

B. What are things in which we should not place our faith?

Psalms 1:1

Psalms 33:16-17

Proverbs 3:5

Jeremiah 9:23-24

C. Why are these things unworthy objects for our faith?

D. What is the result of placing our faith in these unworthy objects?

III. THE PROMISES OF GOD

Our faith is not a hope without knowledge. We can know the promises of God by reading the scriptures. The record of scripture shows us that God fulfills His promises.

A. How would you describe God's relationship to His promises?

I Kings 8:56

Psalm 89:34

II Peter 1:4

Numbers 23:19

B. Does God's fulfillment of His promises depend on the strength of our faith?

IV. FAITH IN HEBREWS

A. Review the examples of faith in Hebrews 11. List the things that these "ordinary men and women" did by faith. Which do you consider most exemplary?

B. How does the attitude expressed in Hebrews 6:12 shape your thinking about what faith is and what faith does in the life of a believer?

V. RESPONDING IN FAITH

In what ways are you currently walking by faith?

Are there places where you are shrinking back from a life of faith?

