

Gotta Have Faith

Hebrews 6:11-12

What's The Point

- Knowing the faith of others allows us to be both encouraged by them and to imitate them: in other words, “Do what successful people do”.
- This is the point of chapter 11, to help us better understand three principles:
 - What faith is...
 - What happens when we don't have it...
 - Why we need it

What is faith?

- Hebrews 11:1 gives us a clear definition of what faith is...it is the ability to have an assurance and a confidence in God (not in the results of what we want).
- We are further told, vs. 2, that those who had faith were favored of God and were blessed beyond their expectation...it was by faith that all of this happened....we are called to live by faith
- By faith is stated 16 times in Hebrews 11
- Each of them lived by faith seeing and expecting the promises of God

What happens without faith?

- Hebrews 11:6 gives us insight into this question in two parts:
- When faith is not used, exercised, or acknowledged, God is NOT pleased. It is an impossibility – which means that we are not able to receive anything unless from God
- It was by faith that the people of old gained God's approval and received His benefits – by faith is used 16 times in Hebrews 11 alone
- In order to both bring pleasure to the Lord and receive His benefits – we gotta have faith

Why We Need It!

- Believe that He is....it establishes our faith in the Great I AM – the God who created
- He is a rewarder...God overflows in His glory and because He is pleased with our need for Him and dependency upon Him, that overflow becomes our blessing, benefit, favor but it stems upon our having faith – 10:39 “and my righteous ones will live by faith” “those who inherit God’s promises because of their faith.....”