You Asked For It … Fear or Faith

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Scripture

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. -- Hebrews 11:1-6 (NRSV)

Additional Passages

Romans 10:17

Ephesians 2:8-9

1 Peter 1:3-12

2 Corinthians 5:7

James 2:17

Philippians 4:6-7

Matthew 8:26

Matthew 17:20

Luke 12:27-28

What is faith?

Three observations on faith

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Growing in Faith

- Faith Trusts

- Faith Loves

- Faith Follows

Questions

1. How do you feed your faith?

2. How do you walk by faith and not by sight?

3. Why might one day that faith is a journey/process not an experience?

4. Have you ever asked God to "increase your faith?" Why or why not?

5. Which scriptures concerning faith do you find most relevant to your life right now?

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