



Big Faith

I. Foundations of Faith

Hebrews 11:1-2

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

- Faith is the _____ that God is who he said he is and that he will do what he said he will do.

II Timothy 1:12

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

- Faith is the _____ of the _____.
- _____ your _____ is what God is up to in your life.
- Faith/trust is a central ingredient in all _____.
- Lack of faith _____ the initial relationship, and only faith can _____ the relationship with God.

Hebrews 11:5-7

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶And 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. ⁷By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

- With God, relationship precedes _____ as faith precedes _____.

II. A Figure of Faith

Matthew 8:1-13

When he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. ²A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." ³Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy. ⁴Then Jesus said to him, "See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁵When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶"Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." ⁷Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." ⁸The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. ¹¹I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹²But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

- Faith is the only thing in scripture that _____.
- Growing faith is revealed in a _____.
- Growing faith is convinced of the _____ of _____.
- Growing faith _____ the _____ of its commanding officer.
- Growing faith breeds _____ for those who are _____.
- Growing faith will always result in _____.

True greatness is reserved exclusively for those rich in faith.

III. The Finishers of Faith

Five things God will use to grow your faith:

- Priority _____ (Matthew 6:21)
- Providential _____ (Proverbs 13:20)
- Private _____ (II Timothy 3:14-15)
- Personal _____ (Ephesians 2:10)
- Pivotal circumstances (beauty out of ashes) _____ in _____ (James 1:2-4)