

WE LIVE BY FAITH  
AND NOT BY SIGHT

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2ND CORINTHIANS 5:7

# The ANATOMY OF FAITH

1. What is Faith?

2. Why is Faith?

3. How is Faith?

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The **ASSURANCE** & Conviction of  
the Unsure & Unseen

**Hebrews 11:1**

Now **faith is** the assurance of  
*things* hoped for, the conviction of  
things not seen.

# “...by faith, NOT by sight”

## Eve in Garden

Genesis 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat from (the tree) your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 When the woman SAW that the tree was good for food, and that (the tree) was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate;

## Jesus in Wilderness

Matt 4:8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and SHOWED Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;



Matt 14:29 And Jesus said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 **But seeing the wind,** he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, **why did you doubt?"**

“The real trouble with this world of ours is not that it is an unreasonable world, nor even that it is a reasonable one. The trouble is that it is nearly reasonable, but not quite.”

-GK Chesterton

Hebrews 11:3 “By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.”

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## 2. Why is Faith?

### a. Faith glorifies God

Romans 4:19 Without becoming weak in faith (Abraham) contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; <sup>20</sup> YET, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup> and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.



## 2. Why is Faith?

a. Faith glorifies God

**b. Faith pleases God**

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

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God promotes faith by Testing & Growing our faith.

## I Peter 1:

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial **WHEN** it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed... 19

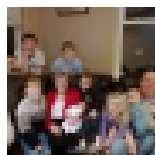
Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

For you know...

James 1:2 Count it all joy, my brothers,  
WHEN you meet trials of various kinds,  
3 for you know that the testing of your  
faith produces steadfastness.

4 And let steadfastness have its full effect,  
that you may be perfect and complete,  
lacking in nothing.





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I wish that just for one second I could feel like I have something, some tiny part of this thing called life, figured out.



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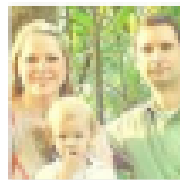


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I don't think any of us ever will. :)

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I totally had that feeling once! Turns out I was dreaming ...

# “AS IF”

Faith is living “AS IF” what God has promised is more true than what we see.

**Rom 3:4 “let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar,”**

Heb 11: 11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross....

## Daniel 3:16-18 “EVEN IF”

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, “...Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 **But even if He does not,** let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”



**“AS IF”**

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