

FAITH: Hebrews 11:1-13

Faith is knowledge of God in action in our lives.



People are saved by faith in Jesus' death and resurrection. Once a person is saved, they're saved. You cannot be more saved if your faith grows! Someone who's had faith for 50 years is not more saved than someone who's had faith for 50 seconds – both are equally saved.

But faith can grow. We can become more confident of God's faithfulness. We're going to see that faith is knowledge in action.

If you have **knowledge** that a chair is sturdy, it'll affect your **actions** – you'll sit on it.

If you have **knowledge** that God is faithful and trustworthy, it'll affect your **actions** – you'll put your faith in him.

Faith

Look up Hebrews 11:1-13



How would you explain what v1 means to someone? (Just to get you thinking!)

1. What did Abraham do that demonstrated his faith? (v8-9) _____
2. What was he looking forward to? (v10) _____
3. What did Sarah know about God? (v11) _____

God keeps his promises

Look up Mark 7:31 and Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-7 (or look on the 4th page of this document.)

4. What does this show us about God's ability to keep his promises? What does it show us about his love for us? Why does it mean we can trust God? (This is not a trick question!)

Jesus helps us


Look up Matthew 14:22-33. (We're going to be looking at this in the summer Matthew talks soon!)

Faith isn't something we 'do' on our own. We don't create it. We don't grow it ourselves. In the Matthew passage, when Peter starts to sink, it's because his faith in Jesus wobbles.

5. What does Jesus **immediately** do? _____

When we struggle to keep going with faith, Jesus helps us! Why not search for and listen to the song 'He Will Hold Me Fast' by the Gettys? ('Holding fast' means holding tight and not letting go.)



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1. How confident are you in God's faithfulness? Do you have faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour? How would you explain that to others?
 2. Have a think about the following situations. What would it mean to have faith in God in these situations?
 - a. A big, important maths test.
 - b. A friend who's said nasty things behind your back.
 - c. Not being allowed to go meet up with friends in the park.
 - d. Someone asking you what you believe.
 3. If you're a Christian, how would you expect the Spirit to grow you in faith in these situations over the next year? (Pick one situation and think about how the Spirit might change your actions/attitude/response in these situations by this time next year.)

sermon notes

Passage:

Date:

Preacher:

The main headings:

Doodles



New ideas or things
I learn.

Questions I want to be
answered as I listen.

✝ How does the gospel make
a difference to why
Christians grow?

What questions do you have?

What's the main application?

After the service What do you want to share with your family from what you've heard?

Hebrews 11:1-13

d f e e f g g e h j c i t y r
e a v c o n n o s o a a w e h
s i i n r c m i m r s c g w t
i t e a w e o m v n e n o k i
m h c t a l a n o i a v d b a
o f e i r n o i s r l f i o f
r u r r d g t o t i w o o n n
p l j e v a j s k c d r b a u
h s e h d c o n f i d e n c e
o e c n a r u s s a n i r s t
p e u i m a h a r b a g t e f
e o c h i l d r e n d n a l d
f p r o m i s e m k e e m a g
d e m r o f e a r t h r j o d
i h a r a s i s a a c s d j v

faith

receive

city

confidence

inheritance

foundations

hope

home

Sarah

assurance

promised

children

don't

land

considered

see

stranger

faithful

universe

tents

living

formed

Isaac

by

God

Jacob

faith

command

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foreigners

Abraham

looking

earth

forward

Mark 7:31 (NIV)

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

Mark 15:33-39 and 16:1-7 (NIV)

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?'* (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?').

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, 'Listen, he's calling Elijah.'

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down,' he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'

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16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'