### **Hebrews 11:1-2** (NIV)

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

### Hebrews 11:3 (NIV)

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

### Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

And 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.

# Living or Dying BY FAITH

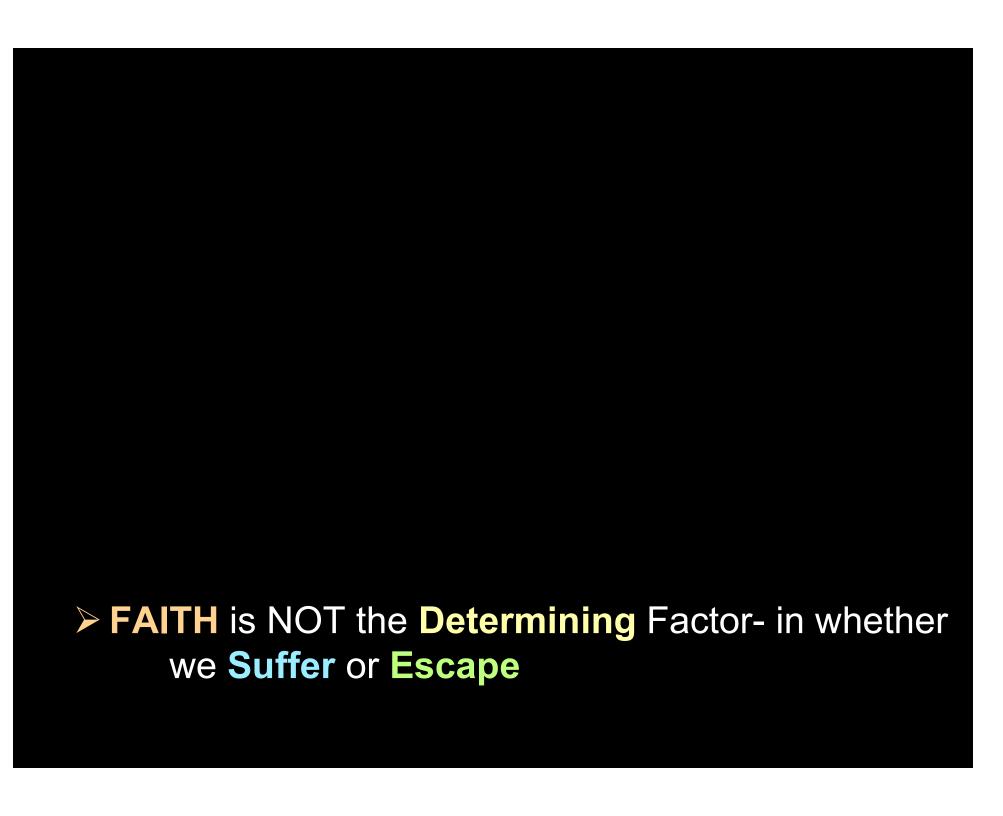
Hebrews 11:32-40

In vs. 35 the writer changes the emphasis by showing that Faith ALSO provides a different empowerment - it is the power to Persevere to the end. Hughes

### **Observations from Hebrews 11**

▶ By FAITH God does AMAZING acts - Rescuing and Saving His People

➤ By **FAITH** God **SUSTAINS** His people -**THROUGH** Terrible Hardship and Suffering

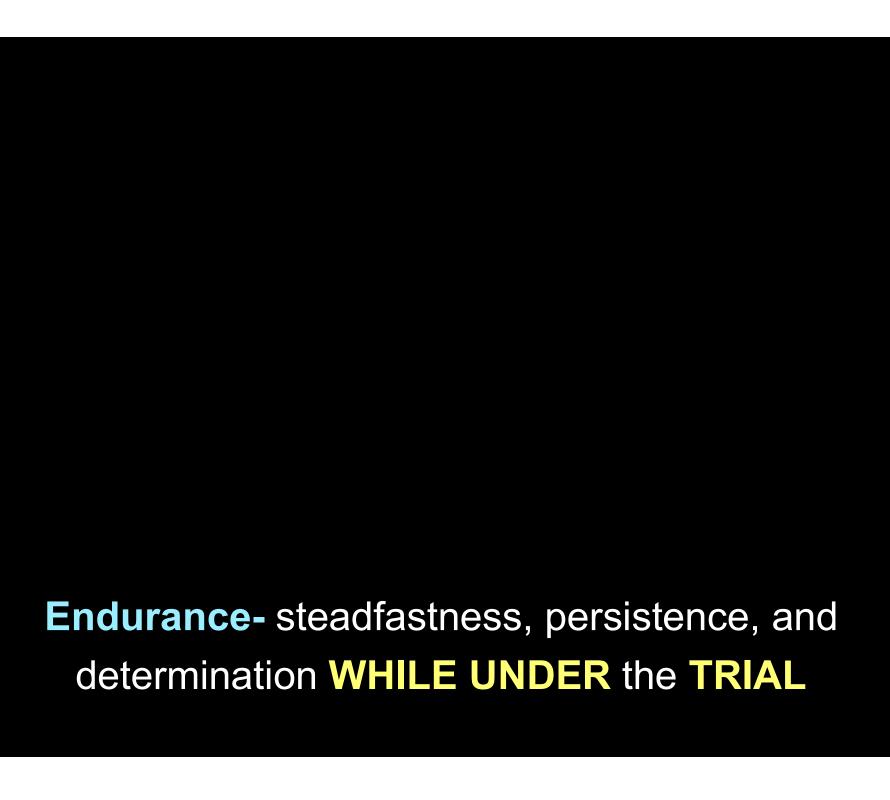




James 1:3 (HCS)

...that the testing of your FAITH produces

ENDURANCE.



Isaiah 43:1 (NIV)

But now, this is what the LORD says-

...O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

When you pass through the waters, I WILL be with you; and when you pass through the rivers ...they will not sweep over you.

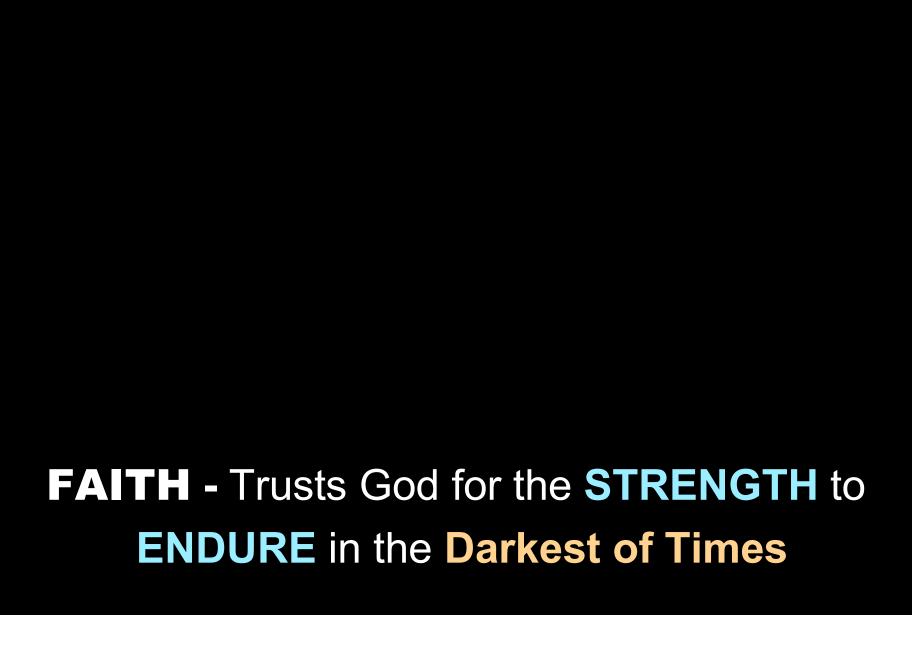
Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

When you walk through the fire, you will NOT be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Isaiah 43:3 (NIV)

For I AM the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, YOUR Savior...





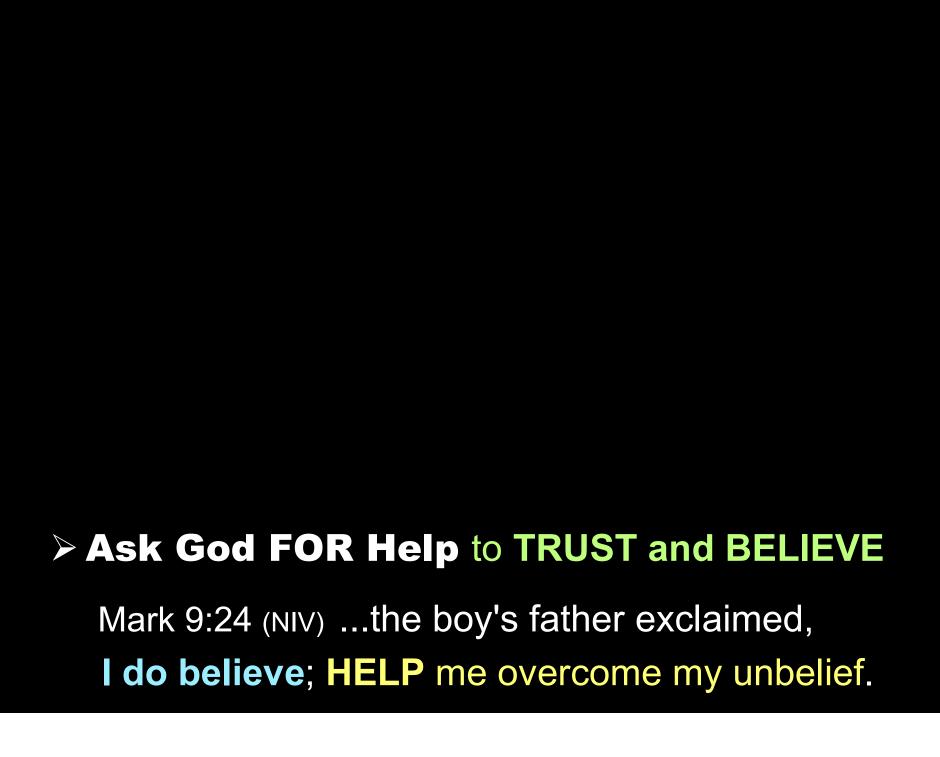
FAITH - may ask WHY me?

## **Strengthening** our Faith

> Recount WHAT God has done Before

#### **➢** Give **THANKS**

1 Thes. 5:18 (HCS) **Give thanks IN everything**, for **this IS God's will** for you in Christ Jesus.



Make a **COMMITMENT** to hang on no matter what

➤ Do what you NEED to DO

Focus on God's GOODNESS

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

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