

Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² 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

➤ **FAITH** is NOT the **Determining** Factor- in whether we **Suffer** or **Escape**

➤ **FAITH** believes God is **BETTER** than what **LIFE** can offer- better than what **DEATH** can take away

James 1:3 (HCS)

...that the testing of your **FAITH** produces
ENDURANCE.

Endurance- steadfastness, persistence, and
determination **WHILE UNDER** the **TRIAL**

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 - Believes that **God** has a **PURPOSE**
in the **GOOD** times and the **HARD** times

FAITH - Trusts God for the **STRENGTH** to
ENDURE in the **Darkest of Times**

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.

➤ **Ask God FOR Help to TRUST and BELIEVE**

Mark 9:24 (NIV) ...the boy's father exclaimed,

I do believe; HELP me overcome my unbelief.

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

➤ Do what you **NEED** to **DO**

➤ Focus on God's **GOODNESS**

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for and **CERTAIN** of what we do not see.