



#7 BUILDING A FOUNDATION OF FAITH - PT 1

Hebrews 11:1-2; Hebrews 11:6

1. Faith is the _____ for fulfilling God's plan.

Hebrews 11:1, 2 (NIV) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

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.

Why is faith important?

- ▶ Faith is the requirement for eternal life.
 - John 3:16
- ▶ Faith gives purpose to our lives.
- ▶ Faith keeps us going over the long haul.
 - 2 Timothy 4:7
- ▶ Faith is essential for effective prayer.
 - Mark 11:24
- ▶ Faith is an essential ingredient for healing.
 - Luke 17:19
 - Acts 3:16
- ▶ Faith connects us to God's promises.
 - Romans 4:16

- ▶ Faith motivates us to obey God's Word.
 - James 2:14
- ▶ Faith produces a life of peace and joy.
 - Romans 5:1
- ▶ Faith qualifies us for service in God's Kingdom.
 - Matthew 4:18-20

2. Faith is a _____.

2 Chronicles 20:20 (NIV) ... Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in His prophets and you will be successful."

Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV) Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd. After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray. Later that night, He was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's You," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."