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Ambitious Faith ^{part 1}

Cultivating the Core Ingredient of the Christian Life



Hebrews 11:1-2, 6

¹ 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.

⁶ 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. (NIV)

1. Understand _____ (v.1)



2. Remember _____ (vv.2, 6)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the world's popular caricatures of "faith" that fall short of the biblical definition discussed in this weekend's sermon?

What are some of the reasonable exercises of "faith" that people demonstrate everyday which are unrelated to the Bible or Christianity?

2. Read **James 2:14-20**. How would you respond to someone who told you that he or she "believes in God" but not enough to do anything about it?
3. What would you say to someone who says he trusts God for his "eternal future" but has trouble trusting God for his day-to-day life?
4. List some of the good things that have resulted from confidently acting on the biblical promises of God.
5. Read **Hebrews 11:2**. What can you do to value God's "commendation" more?

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0628 – **Impeccable Promises & Divine Character**
CD # 0656 – **Faith Magnets: Tempted to Trust in Something Other Than Christ**
CD # 0614 – **A Crash Course in Repentance & Faith**
CD # 9606 – **God's Transforming People**
CD # 9607 – **God's Commentary on Untransformed "Christians"**
CD # 0626 – **Our Assurance & God's Truthfulness**
CD # 0627 – **Abraham: A Fascinating Template of Promises & Faith**

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

April 15th
Judg. 1-2 & Jn. 6
April 16th
Judg. 3-4 & Jn. 7
April 17th
Judg. 5-6 & Jn. 8
April 18th
Judg. 7-8 & Jn. 9
April 19th
Judg. 9-11 & Jn. 10
April 20th
Judg. 12-14 & Jn. 11
April 21st
Judg. 15-16 & Jn. 12
April 22nd
Judg. 17-19 & Jn. 13

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)*

Bridges, Jerry. **Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts**. NavPress, 1988.
Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.
Craig, William Lane. **Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth & Apologetics**. Crossway Books, 1984.
Geisler, Norman. **Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics**. Baker Books, 1999.
Lewis, Gordon R. **Testing Christianity's Truth Claims: Approaches to Christian Apologetics**. Moody Press, 1976.
MacArthur, John. **Faith Works: The Gospel According to the Apostles**. Zondervan, 1994.
McGrath, Alister. **Intellectuals Don't Need God & Other Modern Myths**. Zondervan, 1993.
Moreland, J.P. **Love Your God with all Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul**. NavPress, 1997.
Pache, Rene. **The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture**. Moody Press, 1969.
Piper, John. **Future Grace: The Purifying Power of Living by Faith**. Multnomah Press, 1998.
Ramm, Bernard. **Protestant Christian Evidences**. Eerdmans, 1954.
Sproul, R. C. **Faith Alone: The Evangelical Doctrine of Justification**. Baker Books, 1999.
Sproul, R.C. & et al. **Classical Apologetics: A Rational Defense of the Christian Faith**. Zondervan, 1984.
Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.