

Introduction: Our message today will help us **recognize** that our relationship with **God** is **based upon faith**. Our God is realized, made known in our midst, pleased, and contacted by faith. Let's talk about it!

Review: God's characteristics:

God's sovereignty: God has absolute control over His creation and upholds its order by the authority of His words.

God's providence: God has a **predetermined plan** for His creation and is involved in carrying it out. Nothing is **random** or comes **by chance**.

God's Hand: God is working out His **predetermined plan** for our lives according to **His purpose** in Christ. Ephesians 1:9-11

Message: Walking by Faith in God

2 Corinthians 5:7. For we **walk by faith, not by sight**. (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:6. And it is **impossible** to **please** God **without faith**. Anyone who wants to come to him **must believe** that God exists and that he **rewards** those who **sincerely seek** him (by faith). (NLT)

- a) **Conviction** (belief/principle)
- b) **Trust** (reliance/confidence)
- c) **Obedience** (put into action)

1. Faith in God is _____

Hebrews 11:1. Now **faith** is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things **not seen**. (NKJV)

- Faith is **substance** of things hoped for
- Faith is **evidence** of things not seen

"God is not developing my senses, but my faith in Him."

2 Corinthians 4:18. while we **do not look** at the things which are **seen**, but at the things which are **not seen**. For the things which are **seen are temporary**, but the things which are not **seen are eternal**. (NKJV)

Mark 11:22. Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have **faith in God**.²³ I tell you the truth, you can **say to this mountain**, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,'

and it will happen. But you must really **believe** it will happen and have **no doubt** in your heart.

Mountain Faith:

- You say to your mountain
- You believe it will happen
- You do not doubt in your heart

Mark 11:24. I tell you, you can **pray for anything**, and if you **believe** that you've **received it**, it will be yours. (NLT)

Prayer of Faith:

- Pray for anything
- Believe you receive it
- You have it

2. Faith in God comes by hearing _____

Romans 10:17. So then **faith** comes by **hearing**, and **hearing** by the **word of God**. (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:7. It was **by faith** that **Noah** built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He **obeyed** God, who **warned** him about things that had **never happened before**. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. (NLT)

Hebrews 11:8. It was **by faith** that **Abraham obeyed** when God **called him** to **leave home** and **go to another land** that God would give him as his inheritance. He went **without knowing** where he was going. (NLT)

Hebrews 13:5. **Don't** love money; be **satisfied** with what you have. For **God has said**, "I will **never fail you**. I will never **abandon you**." ⁶ So **we can say with confidence**, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" (NLT)

3. Faith in God is _____

I Peter 1:7. These trials will show that your **faith is genuine**. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold-though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. Reference: Hebrews 11:17-19