

NOW WORD Covenant Church
THE MANUAL OF FAITH
Chapter 1 – Faith in God
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Introduction: In this series, *“The Book of Faith”*, I want to share with you the life changing principles of how to *walk with God by faith*. The first chapter of the book is entitled, “Faith in God.”

Points to Message:

1. Faith in God is _____ for relationship.

Hebrews 11:6. But without faith *it is impossible* to please Him, for he who comes to God **must believe** that He is, and *that* He is a **rewarder** of those who **diligently seek** Him. (NKJV)

- a) Faith pleases God (satisfies and delights)
- b) Faith in God acknowledges *two things*:
 - He exists (God is real)
 - He rewards diligent seekers (pay wages)

Application: “A person who seeks God by faith has the assurance they will be paid by God for their diligence.”

2. Faith in God is complete _____ in Him.

“Faith in God is putting your complete trust, belief, assurance, confidence, dependence, and expectations in Him.”

- We are wired to have faith in someone or something
- **Examples:** Self...Flying...Occupation...Money...Health

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

- a) We **walk** with God by faith (He generates)
- b) We do **not walk** with God by our sight (mind & emotions)
- c) God **develops** our **faith, not** our **senses**

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

- a) Faith **apprehends** God's word
- b) Faith is the **proof** you **possess** what you **do not see**
- c) Faith is **present-tense**

Romans 4:17. As it is written: "I **have made you a father of many nations.**" He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he **believed**—the God who **gives life** to the **dead** and **calls into being things that were not.** (NIV)

- a) God's faith: "I have made you a father of many nations."
- b) Principle: "Faith calls things that do not exist as though they did."

Faith in God, trust in what **God promises** and **calls out** those **promises** that **do not exist as though they did.**"

3. Faith in God comes by _____ His Word.

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

- a) Faith comes by *hearing*
- b) Hearing comes by *God's Word*
- c) Obedience is proof *of your faith*

Faith in God is **not** a **mental affirmation** of God's Word. Faith in God is a **trust** in God's word that **compels** you to **act in obedience** to what God says.

Hebrews 11:8. By faith Abraham **obeyed** when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (ESV)

TAKEAWAY:

- 1. Faith in God is _____ for relationship.
- 2. Faith in God is _____ in Him.
- 3. Faith in God comes by _____ His Word.

Next Week: Chapter 2 - Saving Faith