

HOW'S YOUR FAITH?

Part 5 - Is / Isn't

Text: (Hebrews 11:1) God's Word Translation

"Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see."

Faith is being confident of what we expect, convinced of what we don't see.

FAITH IS IMPORTANT

- Paul was concerned about the faith of a young church (**1 Thessalonians 3:1-3 CSB**)
 1. Sent Timothy to check on how their faith was doing
 2. Their faith would help them hold steady in the problems they faced
- Faith is not a fixed asset but can be strengthened (**Romans 10:17 NKJV**)
 1. Strengthened by feeding and exercising
- Faith is visible
 1. Jesus saw the faith of the five men (**Mark 2:3-5 NKJV**)
 2. Jesus heard faith in the centurion (**Matthew 8:8-10 NKJV**)
- God's words are seeds of faith (**Mark 4:14 NKJV**)
 1. Everyone can plant a seed
 2. Different seeds produce different plants, naturally speaking

THE CONTRAST OF FAITH AND UNBELIEF

- God promised this land to Israel (**Numbers 13:1-2 NKJV**)
 1. This was not the first time they had heard this (**Exodus 3:8 NKJV**)
 2. On the basis of God's Word, the spies went into the land
- We need God's Word as our basis for faith (or acting/speaking)
 1. Not faith based on need or wants
 2. What does God's Word promise us?
 3. We can have faith for wisdom from God (**James 1:5 NKJV**) (**Matthew 7:11 NKJV**)
- The spies brought back word (**Numbers 13:25-29 NKJV**)
 1. There's a lot in a label
 2. Acknowledged the land was good - milk and honey as God had said
 3. Nevertheless - but there is a problem with us taking the land
- Two different directions (**Numbers 13:30-33 NKJV**)
 1. Two men who believed God's promises to Israel
 2. What would faith for wisdom say? (**2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV**)
 3. The ten men who did not believe God's promise
 4. Unbelief will give reasons why it can't happen