



## Sermon Notes

Live By Faith - Faith or Hope?  
Hebrews 11:1,2,36-39  
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1. Faith is not...
  - a. ....a force
  - b. ...a formula
  - c. ...pure confidence
2. Hebrews 11:1 "Faith IS confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
3. The promise of God is what bridges the gap from hope to faith.
4. Hebrews 11:2 "This is what the ancients were commended for."
5. Faith is....trust that God is who God says He is, and that God will do what He's promised to do.
6. Faith is...trust in the character, person, and promise of God.
7. Faith is...always attached to a promise.
8. Faith...where there is no promise is presumption.
9. **Matthew 9:27-30** <sup>27</sup> *As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"* <sup>28</sup> *When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"* "Yes, Lord," they replied. <sup>29</sup> *Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you";* <sup>30</sup> *and their sight was restored."*
10. **Luke 5:12-13** <sup>12</sup> *While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."* <sup>13</sup> *Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him."*
11. To live by faith is to act as if God is who God says He is, and that God will do what God has promised to do.
12. **Hebrews 11:36-39a** <sup>36</sup> *Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised."*
13. Faith does not always have a happy ending circumstantially.

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