



I BELIEVE - WHAT IS BIBLICAL FAITH
HEBREWS 11:1
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The Problem: We've Reduced Faith to Mere

_____ (James 2:19)

Faith Defined (Hebrews 11:1)

faith - _____ oneself to someone or something

Faith _____ - Faith and _____ Go

Hand in Hand

Faith Without Works is _____ (James 2:18)

We are not saved _____ good works, but we are saved _____ good works. Works are not the _____ of salvation, but they are the _____ of salvation.

The Seriousness of Faith (Hebrews 11:6; Romans 14:23)

Sin is not merely about breaking the rules. It is about living _____ of God.

Sin is _____ instead of _____.

God is not pleased by our _____. He's pleased by our _____.

Faith isn't simply believing He _____ handle it. Faith is _____.

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY & REFLECTION:

1. The sermon defines biblical faith as “entrusting ourselves to Jesus.” How is that different from simply believing certain things about Jesus?

2. Read Hebrews 11:1. What do the words assurance and conviction add to your understanding of faith?

3. Why do you think James says that “faith without works is dead”? How does this compare with what Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8–10?

4. In the sermon Skot said, “You can cognitively believe all the right things and still not have genuine faith.” What are some specific ways that can happen in real life?

5. Which phrase stood out to you most and why?

- “Faith transfers the weight.”
- “God is pleased by our dependence, not our performance.”
- “Sin is self-reliance instead of God-reliance.”

6. How does the idea that “you are not saved by the strength of your faith, but by the object of your faith” encourage you?

7. Where in your life are you most tempted to operate in self-reliance rather than dependence on God?

8. What is one area of your life where you are intellectually agreeing with Jesus but not actively entrusting yourself to Him?

9. Are there fears you have or areas of life that you feel the need to control that make it difficult for you to live by faith?

10. Lent is described as a season of surrender rather than just giving something up. What would it look like for you to practice active dependence on Jesus this week?

11. What is one practical step you can take to “transfer the weight” to Him in a specific situation?