

Authentic Faith ☆

Hebrews 11

An Authentic Faith: A lifestyle reflecting an unswerving confidence/assurance in God and His promises.
(Heb. 11:1)

I. Facts about Faith

1. Faith is a lifestyle that is active, not passive. (Heb. 11:6)
2. Faith is only as good as its object. (Hebrews 11; Proverbs 3:5-6)
3. Faith trusts God's promises in spite of difficulties. (Hebrews 11:13, 39-40)

II. Misconceptions of Faith

1. Our Heavenly Father and human fathers. (Titus 1:2)
2. Is not circumstantial. (Heb. 11:8, 11, 17)
 - i. What happens or what I feel determines my faith.
3. Is not a way to get God to do our bidding

III. How to influence our kids to value faith.

1. Know what you believe.
2. Model it, make it attractive.
3. Teach it.

Challenge: What step of faith is God calling you to take?

REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Read Hebrews 11 and underline each occurrence of the word "faith." How many times is the word used? What recurring themes come through in the usage?
2. Write a definition for faith. Is faith simply something you believe? Is it something you do? What are some other words that could be used to define faith?
3. Think of a time in your life when you demonstrated great faith. Think of a time when you didn't act in faith. Compare and contrast these two events. What can you learn from each? Is there a difference between faith and foolishness?
4. What are some practical ways to teach faith to a child? Using your concordance, look for examples of faith in the gospels that give concrete examples of faith for children. How can we encourage adults to demonstrate faith?

Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."