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## FAITH DURING FEAR HEBREWS 11:1-7

### What is faith? Hebrews 11:1-3

Hebrews 11:1 – *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

- **Assurance** = ὑπόστασις *hupostasis* = essence, nature, assurance. This is the word used in ancient documents to guarantee ownership or title. Hebrews 1:3 - Jesus is *“the exact representation of His nature.”*
- **Conviction** = ἐλεγχος *ellegmos* = rebuke, reproof, convict. Also used in 2 Timothy 3:16 - *“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for **reproof**, for correction, for training in righteousness.”*
- Faith is a gift from God, not an action of our will. Faith is about God’s power and promises not our determination.
- History proves it is possible to live by faith and God approves of us because of the faith that He has empowered us to display. Hebrews 11:2
- We have faith in God for the future and we have faith to believe in how God has worked in the past. Hebrews 11:3

### Faith worth following Hebrews 11:4-7

- Abel - Genesis 4:1-16 - an example of worshiping in faith
  - Abel’s heart was right before God and his trust in God reflected that
  - Faith doesn’t mean everything will go your way. Abel was murdered by his brother.
- Enoch - Genesis 5:22-24 - an example of walking in faith
  - Enoch had faith that God exists and he sought after God.
  - Enoch “walked with God” which shows dependence and intimacy.
- Noah - Genesis 6-9 - an example of obeying in faith
  - Noah obeyed even while being mocked. He trusted the word of God, not his own efforts or the opinion of others.
  - Noah wasn’t perfect. He committed egregious sins. God’s faithfulness covers our sins.

### Response:

- Look to the faithfulness of God in the lives of these Old Testament heroes to bolster your faith in times of doubt, fear, and suffering.
- Obey God in faith and be baptized to proclaim your faith publicly on Sunday, November 29. Learn more about this important next step as a follower of Jesus and RSVP for a Baptism Class at [CalvaryLife.org/Baptism](https://www.calvarylife.org/Baptism)

# DIGGING DEEPER

## HEBREWS 11:1-7

### 1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. ***"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."***

### 2 Read the Text: Hebrews 11:1-7 & 2 Corinthians 5:7

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

### 3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, what are some seasons of my life, moments, or events that have deepened my faith in You? Tell me about them."
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, what would it look like for me to live by faith and not by sight? What are You inviting me into here?"
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

### 4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

**Song Recommendation: ["Give Me Faith" By Elevation Worship](#)**

### 5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

### 6 Blessing

*May the Lord deepen your faith as you learn to trust in Him, abide in Him, walk with Him, and obey Him in all you do.*

## NEXT STEPS

**Your Response Today:** Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

**Connect in a LifeGroup:** Grow in community together this fall with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at [calvarylife.org/groups](https://calvarylife.org/groups)

**Discover More:** Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at [CalvaryLife.org](https://CalvaryLife.org)

## RESOURCES

**Connect Online Midweek:** Engage with life at Calvary each day of the week through livestream and on-demand content, plus social media posts by following us on Facebook and Instagram [@calvarylife](https://www.instagram.com/calvarylife)

**Family Activities:** Find ways to help your kids grow through fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at [calvarylife.org/town](https://calvarylife.org/town)

**Find Help or Give Help:** Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at [calvarylife.org/help](https://calvarylife.org/help)

**Ways to Give:** Your generosity and faithfulness is making a difference locally and globally! You can give today using the Offering Boxes available by the doors in the Worship Center and Chapel, or give online at [calvarylife.org/give](https://calvarylife.org/give)

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## SONG LYRICS

### Raise A Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies, I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody, I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

**Chorus:** I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm, Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise, Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me, I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery, I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

**Bridge:** Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder), Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies, Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody, Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me

## Yes And Amen

Father of kindness You have poured out grace, You brought me out of darkness  
You have filled me with peace, Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need, Lord I can't help but sing

**Chorus:** Faithful You are, Faithful forever You will be, Faithful You are  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen, All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near, You pulled me from the ashes  
You have broken ev'ry curse, Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free, Lord I can't help but sing

I will rest in Your promises, My confidence is Your faithfulness

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## No Longer Slaves

You unravel me with a melody, You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies, Till all my fears are gone

**Chorus:** I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God, I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb, You have chosen me, Love has called my name

**Bridge:** I've been born again into Your family, Your blood flows through my veins  
You split the sea so I could walk right through it, My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing, I am a child of God

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## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace

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## Goodness Of God

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me, All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus:** All my life You have been faithful, All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire, In darkest night  
You are close like no other, I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend, I have lived in the goodness of God

**Bridge:** Your goodness is running after, It's running after me, Your goodness is running after, It's running after me  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything, Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

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