

2. We're to Be Separated from the S _____ upon Us.

"...let us throw off everything that hinders..."

† Ask yourself, "Is this thing a weight or is it a wing?"

3. We're to Be Liberated from the S _____ Beneath Us.

"... and the sin which so easily entangles us."

† If you're having trouble with faith, try r _____.

4. We're to Be Activated for the R _____ Before Us.

"... and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

5. We're to Be Dedicated to the S _____ above Us.

See **Hebrews 12:2**.

† It's not great faith in God that you need. It is faith in a great God.

I Will Strive to Live by Faith by:

- Memorizing Hebrews 12:1.
- Prayerfully reading Hebrews 12:1-12.
- Finding, following and finishing the will of God for my life.
- Praying with belief and not doubt.
- Throwing off everything that hinders my race.

Next Week:

"The Blood Makes the Difference" Abel and Cain



Review from Last Week:

Hebrews 10:38, *"But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."*
(A quote from the book of Habakkuk)

- Worry? Why do we worry? Lack of faith.
- Lonely? Faith makes God real to you.
- Burdened with guilt? Faith is my acceptance of God's acceptance of me.

Rom. 5:1, *"Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

- Disobedience - People don't obey God's Word because they don't believe it.

I. The Description of a Life of Faith

Hebrews 11:1-2, *"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for."*

A. What Faith Is Not

1. Faith is not blind superstition.
2. Faith is not closing your eyes to reality .
3. Faith is not positive thinking or optimism.
4. Faith is not a leap in the dark.

B. What Faith Is

1. CONFIDENCE

■ The word “hope” in the Bible means absolute assurance based on divine revelation .

2. CONVICTION

Colossians 1:16 (KJV), “For by Him (Jesus) were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible...”

■ Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen .

3. CONFESSION

C. How to Handle Your Faith

1. Faith should not be altered by appearances.

■ The Bible says, believing is seeing.

John 20:29. “Then Jesus told him (Thomas), ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

2. Faith Should Not Be Impeded by Emotions .

3. Faith Is Not Limited by Logic .

† Make absolutely certain that you figure God into your equation!

PART TWO -

II. The Dynamics of a Life of Faith

A. The Dynamic of Spiritual W_____ . Heb. 11:3,6

Job 38:4. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?”

Psalms 14:1, “The fool hath said in his heart there is no God.”

† God is the supreme fact and the man who denies it is the supreme fool.

B. The Dynamic in Spiritual W_____.

† Faith is the heart’s r_____ to the character of God. Well why did Jesus come as He did? Because He wanted faith.

When your eye is right, it responds to light. When your ear is right, it responds to sound. When your heart is right it responds to God and that response is called FAITH.

Hebrews 3:12, “See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.”

C. The Dynamic in Spiritual W_____ Heb. 11:6

Matthew 9:29, “According to your faith will it be done to you;”

† Faith is the medium of e_____ in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 21:22, “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

*Pray, believe you will receive.
Pray in doubt, you do without.*

III. Destination of a Life of Faith.

Hebrews 12:1, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

† Our life’s mission is to f_____, to f_____, and to f_____ the will of God.

1. We’re to Be Motivated by the S_____ Around Us.
“since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,”