

AMAZING

Week 1 - Faith

"Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him and become stronger in your faith as you were taught." – Colossians 2:7

"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." – Colossians 2:7

What does it mean to have amazing faith? "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." - Hebrews 11:1 "It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God who warned him about something that had never happened before." - Hebrews 11:7 "It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him to go out to a country that God had promised to him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going." - Hebrews 11:8 Obedience always involves taking risks. "The plans I have for you they're good plans. Plans for a future, plans for hope." – Jer. 29:11 "There's a way that seems right to man but the ends thereof are the ways of death." - Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25 "It was by faith Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the King's anger. He held to his purposes like man who could see the invisible." – Hebrews 11:27 "What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things that we cannot yet see." - Hebrews 11:1

"It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, confidently spoke of God's bringing the people of Israel out of Egypt. He was so sure of it that he commanded them to carry his bones with them when they left." – Hebrews 11:22

"By faith we see the world called into existence by God's word. What we see created by what we don't see." - Hebrews 11:3 "For he spoke and then it came to be." – Psalm 33:9 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." – Proverbs 18:21 "I tell you the truth: whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." - Matthew 18:18 "I have made you a Father of many nations. God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were." - Romans 4:11, 17 Faith is... "calling that which is not as though it is." – Romans 4:17 Faith is... "God speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past." Romans 4:17 (LB) "It was faith that made Abel's offering to God a better sacrifice than Cain's. Through his faith God approved of his giving." - Hebrews 11:4 You can give by reason or you can give by revelation. "Because of their great joy they gave even more than they could afford." – 2 Corinthians 8:2-3 6. "By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days." – Hebrews 11:30 "What more shall I say? I don't have time to tell you about Gideon or Barak or Samson or

"What more shall I say? I don't have time to tell you about Gideon or Barak or Samson or Jephthah or David or Samuel and the prophets who through faith conquered kingdoms and administered justice and gained what was promised. They shut the mouths of lions, and quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; weakness was turned into strength and they became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison and were stoned. Some were sawed in tow and put to death by the sword. There were others who went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – the world was not worthy of these people. They wandered in the deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect." – 2 Chronicles 20:32-40

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Real faith develops in the valleys of life, not in the mountains.