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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***

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“Without faith it is impossible to please God. Because anyone who comes to him must believe he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” – Colossians 2:7

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**What does it mean to
have amazing faith?**

**1. Faith is believing
when I don't see it.**

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***“Faith is being sure of
what we hope for and
certain of what we do
not see.” – Hebrews 11:1***

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**2. Faith is obeying when
I don't understand it.**

***“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***

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“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

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**Obedience always
involves taking risks.**

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***“The plans I have for
you they’re good plans.
Plans for a future, plans
for hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11***

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***“There’s a way that seems
right to man but the ends
thereof are the ways of
death.” – Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25***

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**3. Persisting when I
don't feel like it.**

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“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

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“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

**4. Announcing it in
order to experience it.**

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“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

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“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***

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***“Death and life are in the power
of the tongue.” – Proverbs 18:21***

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“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

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***“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***

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**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)

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**5. Faith is giving
when I don't have it.**

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“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

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**You can give by reason
or you can give
by revelation.**

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***“Because of their great joy
they gave even more than they
could afford.” – 2 Corinthians 8:2-3***

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**6. Faith is thanking God
before I receive it.**

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***“By faith the walls of Jericho
fell, after the people had
marched around them for
seven days.” – Hebrews 11:30***

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***“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 two 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 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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**7. Faith is trusting
God if I don't get it.**

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“They were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better.” – 2 Chronicles 20:39-40

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

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