

CrossWalk NOTES

Dynasty Faith Relies On What Cannot Be Seen

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

⁷By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. (Hebrews 11:7-10, NIV)

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8:22-25, NIV)

1. Faith is being sure of things we _____ for.

²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. (Hebrews 11:24-28, NIV)

¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18, NIV)

⁷We live by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7, NIV)

1. Faith is being certain of things we can't _____.

¹Therefore, 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. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3, NIV)

³⁹These were all commended for their faith... (Hebrews 11:39, NIV)

2. This faith receives God's _____.

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Step out in faith this week. Pick something that will require you to use the eyes of your faith, and begin doing it now. Rest your confidence in a gracious, heavenly Father, and take a risk for God!
- Invite someone you care about to CrossWalk's Trunk or Treat celebration. It takes faith in the Holy Spirit to believe that you can be useful to God as the first step in someone's journey toward Jesus.
- Meditate on and memorize Hebrews 11:1.