

Consider Jesus: Living By Faith
Hebrews 11:1-40

Who or What Will You Authorize to Tell You What Is Ultimately Real?

What Faith Is:

- Personal conviction and assurance of what is trustworthy – Heb 11:1
 - ...Christian faith doesn't rest upon unproven facts but upon the Unseen God fully revealed by Jesus – Heb 1:2; 11:6
 - ...Christian faith in Jesus Christ ties us to unseen reality and empowers us to live accordingly – Heb 11:1-2
- Faith transfers the source of my life from myself to God – Heb 11:3,6
 - ...It opens the door to genuine understanding – Heb 11:3
 - ...It is comprised of Divine initiative and human response – Ro 10:17
- The reward of faith is the self-disclosure of God – Heb 11:6

What Faith Does:

- It chooses to say what God Says – Heb 11:7,8,24-25,31
 - ...not what personal experience or public opinion or human performance says – Heb 11:11-12
- It chooses to live by the unseen – Heb 11:1,27
 - ...not what is confined to sight or limited to results – Heb 11:13,39
- It chooses to pay the price for believing God – Heb 11:4,8-9,23,27
 - ...not what is comfortable or convenient – Heb 11:25-26,35-38
- It chooses to simply obey – Heb 11:8
 - ...not demand explanation – Heb 11:3,29,30,33-34

Consider Jesus... who said what God said... lived by unseen realities... paid the ultimate price... obeyed all the way to death on the cross

- He is our means to faithfulness! – Heb 12:2