

THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY

HEBREWS 11

Today, because of the pandemic, across our country *churches* and *baseball stadiums* are empty. And I care about both. I worship Jesus, and I'm a big baseball fan.

Years ago my son, Mack, and I visited the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. The museum shines the spotlight on 333 members who made a memorable contribution to the sport of baseball's 157 year history.

The game's all-time greats are enshrined in the Hall of Fame. *And what a fun day we had touring...*

But, today we're going to tour **the Bible's Hall of Faith**. Hebrews 11 spotlights the OT's great examples of faith. And for the next few minutes we'll walk with these giants of faith, *praying their faith rubs off on us*.

The writer begins by defining faith. Verse 1, **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”** The Christian life is full of blessing. Ephesians 1:3 tells us we've been blessed **“with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”**

Yet according to Ephesians our blessings are **“spiritual”** and **“heavenly”** - and for physical, tactile, earthbound people that makes them ethereal or hard to grasp. Here's our dilemma - the blessings we have in Christ are *spiritual* and *eternal*, whereas we occupy a *physical body* and are confined to a *temporal world*.

We're use to interacting with our surroundings through our five senses. Yet spiritual blessings can't be touched, or tasted, or smelled, or seen, or heard...

But God has an answer to our problem... **It's faith!**

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for..." Faith brings substance and texture to spiritual and whispery realities. Faith is a handle. By faith we can grab hold of God's love, power, peace - and truly possess them.

Ever have trouble opening a jar? Just get a textured rag or towel, wrap it around the slick top, and the rag enables you to grip it, and apply the torque needed to twist it off. This is what faith does. **It produces spiritual torque. It's the way to get a grip on God's blessings.**

Faith is the sixth sense that perceives the spiritual and eternal. As Oswald Sanders puts it, **"Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen."** Faith alerts us to the spiritual traffic around us. It opens our eyes to God's work in our lives.

Think of faith as the bobber on a fishing line. It sits on top of the water. With your eyes, you can't tell what's going on under the surface, but when you see that bobber plunge you know you've hooked a fish.

And faith is like a fishing bobber, it alerts you to the invisible realities that's on the other end of the line.

Verse 2, **"For by it the elders obtained a good testimony."** Realize, the impact this passage had on the Hebrew believers to whom it was sent. When they left the institutions of

Judaism, to trust Jesus as their Messiah, and walk by simple faith, they were accused by friends, family rabbis of abandoning Jewish roots.

Yet here they're assured that a life of faith is a hallmark of a Jewish heritage, *not a departure*. All the great Hebrew heroes gained God's approval by faith.

Once, a Brazilian man, Marcio da Silva, fell in love with a beautiful young lady. To prove his love for her, Marcio walked on his knees for 9 miles to see Katia.

He tied pieces of old tires to his knees, and hobbled down the road for 14 hours. Marcio was cheered on by motorists and bystanders, until he reached her house. But the beautiful Katia was unimpressed. She heard Marcio was coming, and left her house to avoid him.

Well, the Jews were like Marcio. Over their long history they made great sacrifices, and performed extreme displays of devotion in an attempt to win God's favor. **Yet like Katia, God was unimpressed.**

Verse 2 tells us the elders of Israel *"obtained a good testimony"* - not by their works, but by faith.

Verse 3, *"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."* Astronomers now theorize that 98% of the matter in the universe is invisible. Outer space is made up of far more than what meets the eye. The universe is *unimaginably large*, but also *infinitesimally small...*

At first we discovered the molecule, then the atom, then the electron and proton. Today, scientists talk about quarks, and gluons, and photons, and neutrinos.

Yet the writer of Hebrews was ahead of science. He says here, *“the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”* And whether great or small everything that God created began with His Word...

You can't have faith in God without faith in His Word.

Once, the famous missionary to China, Hudson Taylor, wrote a letter to one of his supporters. In it he boasted of his abundance, *“We have 25 cents and all the promises of God!”* *Maybe that's how you feel today.*

But God's work always begins with faith in His Word. *“Real faith believes it to be true, because God said so.”*

Here, we're told *“the worlds were framed by the word of God...”* This word translated *“worlds”* can mean *“ages or periods.”* Both the *physical universe* and the *history of mankind* were formed by God's Word.

God has an unfolding plan. History is not random.

History is *“His Story.”* The cornerstone of faith is the realization that God controls world events - *even our events* - and it all climaxes in the kingdom of His Son.

Everyone in this Hall of Faith looks for that kingdom.

Have you ever said to someone, *“Let me show you how that's done.”* *Of course you have! We all have...*

At times the best *explanation* is a *demonstration*. It's better to show a person how it's done, than it is to tell them. Some lessons are **better caught than taught**.

And this is true of faith. Warren Wiersbe writes, **"The best way for faith to grow is to walk with the faithful."**

And the author of Hebrews would agree. For the rest of Chapter 11 he encourages the faith of his readers by pointing to people who lived by faith before them...

And he starts, **"By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks."**

Realize, **true faith always responds to God on His terms, not ours**. Adam's two sons both offered a sacrifice... Abel *went to his flocks* and slaughtered a lamb. Cain *went to his fields* and brought a fruit basket.

But Abel offered the **"more excellent sacrifice"** because his offering was the sacrifice God desired.

Remember when Adam and Eve sinned they covered themselves with fig leaves. It turned out to be an ironic twist. Handle a fig leaf and you'll find out how itchy and scratchy it is... *God is much more merciful*.

Instead of fig leaves, He clothed the fallen family in lamb skins. But since animals don't usually give up their pelts voluntarily that necessitated the killing of a lamb. God was teaching us **"the wages of sin is death."**

It's hypothesized that when God rejected Cain's sacrifice his age was 129. He'd been offering lambs 100-plus years - *he*

knew better. But pride got the best of him. Cain tried to substitute *the work of his hands* for *the blood of a lamb*. And God rejected his sacrifice.

When Cain laid his crops on the altar I'll bet he was humming the Sinatra tune, *"I Did It My Way."* **But you don't come to God "your way."** If you truly love God you'll love Him the way He wants to be loved, not just a way that's convenient for you. People today believe God will forgive you as long as you're sincere. *Your understanding of God and the details of your faith don't matter - but that's not true.* Faith isn't me striking a deal of my own liking with God. It's accepting God's terms.

"By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Enoch experience what all Christians hope to one day. He was raptured.

One evening after dinner Ole Enoch told the Mrs. he was taking the dog for a walk, and never came back.

Enoch made such a habit of **"walking with God"** - *of enjoying His presence* - on this occasion he ended up closer to God's house than his, and God just took him home with Him. *Enoch pleased God, because of faith.*

For verse 6 tells us, **"But without faith it is impossible to please Him..."** This is the theme of the whole chapter. The only way to gain God's favor is by faith.

And here's what constitutes true faith, **"for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of**

those who diligently seek Him.” Sincere faith *believes God exists - and it expects God to bless.*

“Faith is a God-ward expectation!”

When my daughter, Natalie, was little, she’d look at me with those big blue eyes, and ask, “Daddy, I want some ice cream.” I’d recall she hadn’t eaten her dinner, and it was just before bedtime, and Kathy had told her “no.” And so I’d say, “Okay Princess, let’s get you some ice cream.” With my little girl *I was a soft touch!*

And so is God with His kids. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, *but you have to seek!*

Verse 7, “By faith Noah being divinely warned of things not yet seen...” Prior to Noah the Earth was watered by a heavy dew. It had never actually rained.

At the time the Earth had *a different eco-system - but the same cynicism.* Imagine, the cable news reporters grilling Noah. They mocked and ridiculed him. I’m sure Noah became fodder for the late night talk show hosts.

Noah reminds us that *faith is never popular.*

Yet Noah was unmoved by the criticism, because he was “moved with godly fear...” Noah cared about God’s approval, more than he did his reputation among men.

Despite the public scorn for his project, he “prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” A faith-filled Noah built an Ark and preached impending judgment.

Faith hears what other people don't. It's privy to information other folks lack. Faith is often laughed at... *but remember it was Noah who got the last laugh.*

And **“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”** Abraham comes home one night and says to his wife, Sarah, **“Honey, pack up we're moving.”**

She replies, **“But Abe, where are we going?”**

And he answers, **“When God tells me, you'll be the first to know.”** *Imagine, the discussion that ensued.*

Noah *believed without seeing.* Abraham *believed without knowing.* And the latter *may* be more difficult.

I don't have to see as long as God tells me what's going on. It's when God conceals the details... when I'm expected to *trust Him* where I can't *trace Him*. It's when I don't have all the facts that my faith gets tested!

Too many of us are addicted to details. We want to always know *why!* Faith though, turns the letter “y” into “o. **It doesn't need to know why, when it's sure of Who!**

Verse 9, **“By faith (Abraham) dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”**

Author Kent Hughes helps us think of Abraham's faith in modern day terms, **“Imagine, God promising you and your descendants the land of Guatemala, and in obedience you**

travel there and live for the rest of your life in your camper, along with your sons' families in their campers, moving from place to place. You remain an alien for the remainder of your sojourn, without full citizenship rights, a perpetual outsider.”

Abraham was given a land he never fully possessed.

And he was okay with that... For he was actually looking for a heavenly home. Abraham realized that in this life, like all of us, he was merely passing through.

We're all foolish to make too much of earthly stuff.

So much of what was important to us a few weeks ago we've discovered is no longer under our control.

Season tickets, meals at our favorite restaurant, retirement plans and the nest egg we were counting on, the kids' education, the dream vacation - has all been tabled out of consideration for our nation's health.

And what should matter to us even more is **our eternal health** - our citizenship in heaven. A wise man makes preparations for his ultimate destination!

“By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.” Abraham was 100 years old, and Sarah an unbelievable 90, when she birthed the promised child.

They were the first couple in history to qualify for a senior discount on their labor and delivery bill. It was by faith. ***Sarah conceived because she believed!***

And perhaps God wants to do a miracle of new life in you. You're weak and weary - you need strength - *then receive it*

by faith! Have you “*judged Him faithful who promised.*” Do you have a God-ward expectation?

Verse 12, “*Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead...*” *What an assault on the male ego!* The writer refers to Abraham’s libido “*as good as dead.*” Not even Viagra could help the ole boy. He’s beyond hope.

Yet God gave him strength, and from Abraham “*were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude - innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.*”

“*These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*” This is what faith enables a person to do - to see what’s **afar off**, embrace it; then use it on a challenge that’s **up close**.

To take the afar off and apply it to the up close!

“*For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.*” Faith refuses to dwell in the past. Its focus is **forward not backward**.

“*But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.*” People of faith live for eternity. They evaluate situations, and adopt values, and make decisions - from a forever perspective... **Heaven is the motherland of faith!**

Perhaps you heard the story of pioneer missionary, Henry Morrison. Henry was returning to the states after forty years in Africa. On board the same boat was the President, Teddy Roosevelt, returning from a safari.

When the boat docked in New York harbor a huge reception greeted the President. Morrison exited the boat alone, and dejected. After all, he'd just spent forty years serving the Lord, and now on his return home no one seemed to care. But as he was getting off the boat the Lord reminded him, "**Henry, you're not home yet.**"

We all should remind ourselves of this same truth. *This world is not our home!* **We're not home yet!**

Verse 17, "**By faith Abraham, when he was tested...**"

God always puts faith to the test! He promised Abraham and Sarah a son, then waited 25 years to work the miracle. *And their faith would be tested again.*

After providing him a son, God told Abraham to "**offer up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son...**" He passed God's test, but it was more complicated than meets the eye!

The writer quotes Genesis 21:12, "**of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called..."**" God promised Abraham that he would sire a great nation that would give birth to the Messiah - the Seed of God's salvation... *so if he sacrifices Isaac where is he going to get his grandsons and great-grandsons?*

What God is commanding Abraham defied logic. The future of a nation - and the promise of God's salvation for all mankind - rode on this man's expression of faith.

The words written in verse 17 are so simple, “*when he was tested, offered up Isaac...*” But they don’t do justice to the reality of Abraham’s unquestioning faith...

Genesis 22:3 tells us that the day after God’s command came, “*Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey...*” It was the very next day, *early in the morning*. There’s no stalling, no hesitation, no arguing with God over the matter... he just obeyed.

I hope my faith never gets tested to this extreme. *What would you do if God told you to offer up your only son as a sacrifice? We know what Abraham did...*

He took Isaac to the appointed place, strapped him to the altar, and raised a knife above his throat... *How could he sacrifice the embodiment of all his hopes?*

Verse 19, “*concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead...*” The Greek term translated “*concluding*” is a mathematical word. It means “*to calculate.*” Abe was mathematical in his deliberations.

Often Christians are accused of having “*blind faith*” or “*faith that denies logic*” - but no so. Our faith is a reasonable faith. It just adds God into our calculations.

Abraham reasoned the situation out. God gave him a son. Isaac was essential to the fulfillment of God’s plan. Yet, Abe was certain God had told him to sacrifice his son... *God must be planning to raise Isaac from the dead!* There had never been a resurrection to this point, yet Abraham figured God would perform the first.

Again verse 19, “from which he also received him in a figurative sense.” And here, the plot thickens.

God never had Abraham lay a knife on Isaac, but in his heart he sacrificed his son. And in so doing, this brought him into the deepest possible communion with God. Abraham participated in a dramatic symbolism.

For 2000 years later, the Father God, offered His Son, Jesus, on the same spot Abraham offered Isaac.

On our Israel tours we visit Skull Hill; the site of Jesus’ crucifixion - and the garden tomb, where His body was buried.

And I’ve checked... it’s empty!

Abraham’s faith in resurrection, was ultimately fulfilled by Jesus. Which means *the eventual test of faith is on you and me! Do we trust in the cross and resurrection, for our forgiveness, and for His life in us?*

Verse 20, “By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.” This was amazing faith!

Jacob stole Esau’s birthright by pretending to be him, and fooling his nearly-blind father, Isaac. *It was a con job. A terrible deed. Yet Isaac let it stand.* Even in an act of deception Isaac saw God’s providence at work.

Through faith Isaac stood by the hijacked blessing.

“By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.” Here was another incredible act of faith.

Jacob sensed his grandsons’ destiny. He realized the younger, Ephraim, would supersede his older brother.

So when the time came for him to bless them, **by faith** Jacob swapped hands, and blessed the younger over the older. It was a shocking departure from culture. Yet Jacob knew **God's will trumps tradition.**

Joseph also demonstrated faith. **“By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.”** Joseph knew God's Word, and that Israel's future was in the Land of Promise. So by faith, he gave his family instructions to bury him back home.

And Joseph's faith was vindicated, 400 years later, when Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt they took with them the bones of Joseph to bury in Canaan.

The faith of all four Hebrew forefathers - *Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph* - prove that faith isn't blind faith. It actually sees further. The man of faith doesn't see less than other people see. He sees *more*.

Verse 23, **“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.”** Here's some *parental faith* in action!

Jewish historian, Josephus, tells us, **“One of Egypt's sacred scribes, who was very discerning in foretelling future events truly, told the king, that about this time there would be a child born to the Israelites, who if he were reared, would bring the Egyptian dominion low, and would raise the Israelites.”** In reaction the Pharaoh ordered all Hebrew male babies to be put to death.

Yet he didn't plan for the faith of two parents. They put Moses in a basket and floated him down the Nile. Moses was found and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.

“By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter...” It's hard to imagine the advantages afforded Moses as a member of the Egyptian dynasty. His wealth was inexhaustible.

Yet with the riches of the world at his fingertips, Moses **“chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin...”**

Somehow Moses was able to see through the vanity of Egyptian culture and the foolishness of their idolatry.

In contrast to Egyptian emptiness, Moses saw the Hebrews joyful even in distress. He was willing to suffer momentarily, to lay claim to an eternal God.

Moses swapped **“*the passing pleasures of sin*”** to identify with God's people. *Realize, sin is pleasurable. If it weren't, it wouldn't be tempting.* But its pleasure is passing and fleeting - **“here today, gone tomorrow.”**

How quickly the **“*pleasure of sin*”** turns to *pain*.

It reminds me of how an eskimo kills a wolf. They dip a knife in blood and freeze it - for a wolf it makes for a tasty popsicle. It licks away the blood, until its tongue gets to the blade of the knife. By this time he's so use to the taste of blood, he doesn't know he's tasting his own blood. And he dies. This is the trap sprung by sin.

At first sin tastes good. It's a lot of fun. But at some point - and the problem is, it's not always detectable to you - your pleasure ends and your destruction begins.

Sin looks inviting until it's compared to God's blessing. As Moses did, **“esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.”** Moses knew in the long run, he was better off *suffering* for God, than *savoring* Egypt.

Satan offers instant gratification, but over the long run, *hardship with Jesus* is better than *treasure in hell*.

Verse 28, **“By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.”** God told Moses to kill a lamb and spread its blood on the door of every Hebrew home.

As a result God's plague passed over houses where the blood was applied. And this is now true of Jesus.

In 1 Corinthians 5:7 Paul says that Jesus is our Passover. By faith we sprinkle His blood on the doors of our heart and spiritual death *passes over* our lives.

“By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.” With their back to the sea, and their face toward the attacking Egyptian army, the Hebrews had nowhere to go... *but up!* Moses trusted God, and God worked a miracle. The Red Sea parted before him!

And note the charitable recounting of this story, *“by faith Israel passed through the Red Sea.”* Read the story, and other than Moses, very few people had faith.

The Hebrews doubted and wanted to return to Egypt.

Yet, this is the flavor of the chapter. Every member of the Hall of Faith doesn't always act like they belong.

Noah got drunk. **Abraham** succumb to fear and lied. **Sarah** laughed at God. Yet God commends each one of them for their faith, and refuses to recall their lapses.

This is the wonder of our salvation! Chapter 10 told us, *“The just shall live by faith!”* It's faith, not our goodness, that make us right with God. God treats us as if we'd never sinned even when we do... **by faith.**

Now the writer starts to scroll rapidly through history noting example after example of people who pleased God by faith... Verse 30, *“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.”*

This may've been the greatest example of collective faith in all of the OT. Israel's army followed the strange battle instructions that God gave to General Joshua.

On the seventh day they circled the walls seven times, blew their trumpets, and the city walls collapsed!

“By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.” As a harlot Rahab spoke to her share of strangers, and she'd heard of the Hebrews, and how God delivered them from

Egypt. Thus, when two of their spies seek shelter at her house, she cooperates.

Rahab was a shady lady, but she was nobody's fool.

She figured Israel's God was the true God - and due to her faith, as I'll-informed and undeveloped as it was, she threw in her lot with the Hebrews. It was because of that faith she reaped the rewards of their victory.

Verse 32, "And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions..." An obvious a reference to Daniel.

Here he just reels off, rapid-fire examples of faith that we could study for months. The point is *anybody* who ever became a *somebody* with God, did so by faith!

Verse 34, faith even "quenched the violence of fire..." A reference to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Men of faith "escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again..." The raising of the dead refer to the miracles of Elijah and Elisha!

Yet notice, in every case, faith is never *passive*, but *active*. All the people mentioned are action figures. They act on the what they believe. By faith battles are won, kingdoms are conquered, the dead are raised.

Faith isn't lethargic - even when it waits it's always reaching, and stretching, and on the move for God!

And faith not only does, it endures. Verse 35, “Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.” Believers under the threat of torture or death could've denounced Christ and escaped, but they kept their eyes on heaven!

“Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.” Remember, Jeremiah was chained and thrown into a pit of sludge.

The point here is that faith didn't always insure your deliverance. In fact, at times it sealed you persecution.

Verse 37, “They were stoned...” This was the plight of the Prophet Zechariah. “They were sawn in two...”

There's a non-biblical book called “The Ascension of Isaiah.” It has a passage that tells us false prophets took Isaiah while still alive and they sawed him in two.

The book says that as they cut into the prophet's body, *and I quote*, “He neither cried aloud nor wept, but his lips spake with the Holy Spirit.” He endured by faith.

Of course, later he was diagnosed *a split personality*.

Others “Were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy.” These were citizens of heaven.

These people of faith were on loan to this world as a witness to God. Yet they were never appreciated. If you live by faith, don't expect to be popular with this world.

“They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.” Apparently, their faith didn't produce a lot of **“health and wealth.”** To the contrary, for these men and women of faith their faith produced suffering, poverty, homelessness, and banishment.

Verse 39, **“And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise...”**

Here's the common denominator with everyone in God's Hall of Faith - they exhibited faith in God's promise without realizing their ultimate fulfillment.

Their great faith might've meant much, and endured much - but it received little in terms of present, earthly compensation. Faith's hope was largely unrealized.

These people of faith received a foretaste, but no one cashed in. Everyone on this list had to wait! And the reason is amazing. *Verse 40 will blow you away...*

“God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.”

The OT's great Hall Of Faith was content with the promise of a Savior and the grace of God that implied.

They longed to be forgiven once and for all - and changed from the inside out - and have total access to God... yet they waited, settling for stop-gap measures.

Animal sacrifices earned for them a probation, not quite a pardon... The Law was in their hands, just not in their heart...

They were represented before God, despite the fact they had no personal access to God...

The men and women of faith in this chapter were waiting for a new covenant, while living under the old.

The writer of this letter says they were waiting on us!

The new and better way the Hebrews were promised wasn't just for Israel, it was for all people, including us today. God wants to add us to His family of faith - even you! **It's His desire we too learn to walk by faith!**

And it begins with a expectation... God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, but you have to seek!