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**OUTRAGEOUS FAITH: BY FAITH**  
**Hebrews 11:1-2**

**What faith is not.**

- Faith has nothing to do with how we **feel**.
- Faith is not I think so or **hope** so.
- Faith is not it **may** be so or it may not be so.
- Faith is not saying it might be **true** or might not be true.

**What is faith? Heb. 11:1, 6**

- Intellectual assent **believing** something to be true.
- Trust is actually relying on the **facts** that something is true.
- Belief in, **devotion** to, trust in something or somebody, allegiance or loyalty to somebody or something.
- “Faith means believing in advance what will only make **sense** in reverse.” Phillip Yancey

**Several aspects of faith.**

- Our faith is believing when we don't **see** it. Heb. 11:1; 2 Kin. 4:8-37; Matt. 8:5-10; Mark 11:24
- Our faith is willing to **obey** what we don't understand. Gen. 6:13-22; 7:1-5; Heb. 11:8; Matt. 14:28-33
- Our faith is willing to **give** when we don't have it to give. Mark 12:41-44; Heb. 11:4; 2 Cor. 8:3; 9:6-8;
- Our faith is **persistent** when we don't feel like it. Gal. 6:9-10; Luke 18:1-8; Heb. 10:37-38; Matt. 5:21-34; 2 Cor. 12:9-10
- Our faith is thanking God **before** we receive it. John 11:41-46; 2 Chr. 20:18-23
- Our faith is **trusting** even when we don't get it. Phil. 4:11-13; Heb. 11:39-40; Matt. 26:36-46; 2 Cor. 12:7-10