

# Viewing Life And The Future From A Faith Perspective

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# Hebrews 11:1-7



**The New Oxford Dictionary defines  
“Perspective” as a particular attitude  
towards or a way of regarding  
something. Perspective is how we  
see things, how we view the world  
or consider a matter.**



**Faith is confidence in what  
we hope for and assurance  
of what we do not see.**

**Hebrews 11:1**



**Faith comes by hearing and  
hearing the word of God.**

**Romans 10:17 (NIV)**



**Faith then is belief,  
confidence and trust in God  
and God's word.**



**They were  
“commended by God.”**



**“They received a good report  
from God.”**



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# Discussion/Reflection:

**What is your ambition in life?**

**Is faith a consideration?**

**Why or why not?**



**The word faith is “pistis” in the Greek from the verb “peitho”, which means “to persuade”. It means to be persuaded, to be convinced of, to have confidence in certain divine truths.**



**“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”**



**Faith is marked  
by expectancy.**



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**The challenges that come our way must be viewed not as stumbling blocks or hindrances, though they are intended to be, but as steppingstones to get to the place where God has destined us to go and to do what God purposed for us to do.**



**Matthew 8:5-10, we have the  
story of the centurion who  
came to Jesus asking him to  
heal his sick servant.**



# Matthew 15:21-28



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**Woman, you have great  
faith, your request  
is granted.**





**Jesus was teaching in his own hometown and the locals questioned where he had gotten such wisdom since he was one of them.**

**Matthew 13:53-58**



**And he did not do many  
miracles there because of their  
lack of faith in him.**

**Matthew 13:58**



# Matthew 17:14-20



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**Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, “Move from here to there”, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible to you.**

**Matthew 17:20**

**Now faith is confidence in what  
we hope for and assurance about  
what we do not see.**

**Hebrews 11:1**



# Discussion/Reflection:

**As you look to the future, what are you hoping for, (personally and in our nation), that you are not sure can happen?**



**Faith is the substance of things  
hoped for the evidence of  
things not seen.**

**King James Version**



**The word “substance” in the Greek means “to stand under” to “support” like a foundation to a house that gives confidence and assurance that the house will stand.**





**Faith is being sure; it is being confident that what God has promised will come to pass.**



**This word for “substance” was also used in the technical sense as a “title deed”. The root idea here is that of “standing under the claim to the property to support its validity”.**



**Faith is therefore the  
“title deed”  
of things hoped for.**



**Faith is a “title deed” which  
you have in your possession  
that says what God has  
promised God will perform.**



**Faith is also the evidence,  
the established “conviction”  
concerning things unseen.**



**A faith perspective allows  
you to see what others  
cannot see.**



**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light, and there was light.”**

**Genesis 1:1-3**



**God's word does not return void  
or empty but accomplishes what  
He desires and achieves the  
purpose for which He sent it.**

**Isaiah 55:11-12**





**For since the creation of the world,  
God's invisible qualities –  
his eternal powers and divine nature –  
have been clearly seen being  
understood from what has been made,  
so that humans are without excuse.**

**Romans 1:20**



**This is what the ancients  
were commended for.**



**Confident obedience to  
God's word in spite  
of circumstances and  
consequences.**

**Wiersbe**



**Abel is the one who  
worshipped God in faith –  
verse 4**



# I Peter 2:5



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**As an act of faith, the spiritual sacrifices that God expects us to offer are our bodies.**

**Romans 12:1**



# Discussion/Reflection:

**What does it mean for me to  
offer my body to God?**



**We are to offer our praise and  
service to others.**

**Hebrews 13:15,16**





# Our financial gifts



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# Philippians 4:18



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**We are to worship him and  
walked with him by faith.**

**Hebrews 11:6**



**By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.**



**Enoch walked with God.**

**Genesis 5:22-23**



**By faith we are to worship  
sacrificially, walk with God  
and work obediently.**

**Genesis 11:7**



**By 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.**

