

## The Principle of Faith

In order to win the battle, you going to need faith. You can not make it without faith.

Daniel 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

### 1. Faith is not believing for something.

Hebrews 11:13 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.

Hebrews 11:32-39 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: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented — 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Did the people who escaped the sword have faith?

Did the people who was slain by the sword also have faith? Why?

Because faith is not believing for something.

Faith is not the absence of difficulties; it is the nearness of God through the difficulties.

### 2. Faith is believing in someone.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

What if this is not referring to something but someone?

Instead of something happening which is the evidence of things not seen.

What if someone is the evidence of the things we cannot see?

How is the word substance translated in the bible? It is only in the New Testament five times.

In Hebrews 1:3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

The word person is the same Greek word for substance. This is saying that Jesus is the substance of God.

Think about Hebrews 11:1, Jesus is what we put our hope in.

The Word evidence is in the New Testament three times.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

The word reproof is the same Greek word for evidence.

What is the evidence? The Word of God  
Who is the Word of God? Jesus.

Hebrews 11:1 is really saying...

God is the substance of everything we hoped for and God is the evidence of the things we can not see.

The greatest statement of faith in the bible is...

“Our God will deliver us, but if He doesn’t we still won’t bow”.