

LIVING BY FAITH

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HEB. 10:38

INTRODUCTION: Four times scripture says “**THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH**”. Once saved by grace through faith, we are to use our faith to access grace that heals, delivers, protects, comforts, preserves and provides. **ROM. 5:1-2** – The Hebrew writer was encouraging the people to use their faith to overcome the challenges they were facing. He then lists many individuals who did what he told them: to defeat enemies, overcome inadequacies, withstand opposition, and believe for the impossible. **HEB. 11:37-40** – People the world wasn’t worthy of!

THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH

1. Salvation. **EPH. 2:8**
 - A. The preacher who went many years without teaching faith.
2. Faith is essential in finishing our course.
 - A. **2 TIM. 4:7-8** – By faith we fulfill the call of God.
3. Faith pleases God. **HEB. 11:6**
 - A. Having faith shows God we rely more on His power, wisdom and goodness than anything or anyone else.
4. By faith we fight. **1 TIM. 6:12**
 - A. We are not to have a “what will be, will be” mentality!
5. We overcome the world by faith. **1 JOHN 5:4**
 - A. The lust of the eyes, flesh and pride of life are of the world.
6. We walk with God by faith. **2 COR. 5:7**
 - A. Things seen are temporal, the unseen is eternal.
7. We are healed by faith. **MK. 5:34**
 - A. Our faith can activate God’s healing power.
8. By faith we resist the enemy. **1 PET. 5:8-9**
 - A. He’s looking for those who are weak in faith. **LUKE 22:31-32**
9. Inherit promises. **HEB. 6:12**
 - A. God makes promises, then fulfills them where faith is released.
10. The gospel won’t profit us without faith. **HEB. 4:1-2**
 - A. Faith is required to experience gospel benefits.
11. Conquers the impossible. **MT. 17:20**
 - A. At Babel, God said nothing would stop man from achieving his goals.
 - B. Here, Jesus reveals how nothing is impossible.
12. The Spirit is received by faith. **GAL. 3:14**
 - A. Jesus said we should receive the Spirit.

CONCLUSION: Faith is so important that the Bible records a Faith Hall of Fame and the many achievements made by those who lived by faith. Will our names be added to the list?

- Able – Righteousness by faith.
- Noah – Obedient faith.
- Abraham – Faith to go.
- Sarah – Faith to receive the impossible.
- Moses – Faith to overcome inadequacies.
- David – Faith to conquer giants.