



Crossroads Sermon Study

Faith, Hope & Love

Hebrews 11:1-6, Acts 12:1-17

May 14, 2023

Lean In: Share a Mother's Day memory you recall from childhood or recent years.

Look In: Read **Acts 12:1-17** aloud together and write verse 5 in your journal.

Look Back: What stood out to you most about this week's teaching? What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? What comforted you?

Take it Deeper:

1. What do you often think of first when you hear "faith"? Read Hebrews 11:1-6 in different translations (ESV, NLT, MSG). What stands out to you in this passage? How does faith operate looking back, looking ahead, and in the here and now?
2. Have you ever equated an unanswered prayer with a lack of faith? How has today's message challenged that view?
3. What's the difference between bold faith and big faith?
4. "The opposite of faith is not doubt, it's inaction." What is your reaction to this statement? Have you ever *acted* in faith, but it *felt* more like doubt?
5. Which of the following ways of being ready do you believe God is nudging you toward most today?
 - a. Ready to ... open the door
 - b. Ready to ... pray
 - c. Ready to ... be amazed
6. Hebrews 11:6 says without faith it is *impossible* to please God. What other things do we do to try to please God, but are void of faith? In what are you placing your faith today?

Look Up: *Jesus, you are the author of our faith and the object of our faith! You are the one who perfected faith, so we look to You. I confess that I often am not even aware or ready for ways that you might want to work in me and through me. Help me to open my eyes and heart to who you are and what you are doing in my life, and to walk with you by faith.*