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Faith what is it? – Hebrews 1:1

- Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.
- Faith is like a cave – illustration
- Faith is how men and women of God have done everything – Hebrews 11
- Faith can do things – Matthew 17:20
- Faith is something that we hold on to as believers Gal 5:5, 1 Peter 1:21

Shields - Ephesians 6:16

- They block things
- They used to be huge
- Today shields are smaller and more mobile
- Our faith is the shield that blocks the fiery arrows of the enemy 1 Peter 5:8
- This is to protect us from the enemy
- the enemy wants nothing more than to derail your faith.

A. When do we see faith in scripture?

- The lady with a issue of blood who touched Jesus's garment – Matthew 9:18
- Peter sinks in the sea of Galilee because he doesn't have faith – Matthew 12:22
- the man healed of palsy was healed because of his faith – Mark 2:1
- Moses gets opposed and then God calls him faithful – Numbers 12:7
- David is called faithful by Alimelech – 1 Samuel 22:14

B. Where does our faith come from?

- It doesn't come from us
- It comes from him
- God is who our faith is in - Deut. 7:9
- He is the author of our faith, and he is the sustainer of our faith
- Can we put our faith in other things?
- Yes, but they will let us down
- God will never fail us
- Our faith is secure built on the rock that doesn't move

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C. Faith is a building block

- Faith is something that we have
- We build on top of our faith
- Why because it is secure in him
- Now we can understand more complex parts
- If you remove faith what do you have?
- We can hope for things?
- We don't have much to stand on
- We will be like sinking sand

D. What do we do with faith?

- Faith is demonstrated by trust – Hebrews 2:13
- If my faith is in a Chair - illustration
- The trusting is sitting in a chair 1 Thess. 2:4
- As a Christian your faith comes from the fact that Jesus died - 1 Cor 15:14
- your faith is not in buddha or Mohamad
- This is what shields us from the enemies fiery darts

E. Armor of God

- Put on the armor
- We need our shield
- Every day we need every piece
- The enemy will come
- This is a spiritual battle
- Faith is essential to your life
- We all have faith is something, Make sure it's in the one who wins in the end

“Faith makes all things possible... Love makes all things easy. D.L Moody