

HOW'S YOUR FAITH?

Part 1

Text: (*Hebrews 11:1 God's Word Translation*)

"Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see."
Faith is being confident of what we expect, convinced of what we don't see.

PAUL KNEW FAITH WAS IMPORTANT (*1 Thessalonians 3:1-10 NKJV*)

- Paul had founded the Thessalonian church
 1. These believers had turned to God from idols
 2. They had experienced difficult times from the onset of their new faith
 3. Paul had a great affection for this church - parental
- Paul was concerned about their faith (***1 Thessalonians 3:1-3 CSB***)
 1. There was a purpose to Timothy's visit
 2. In order that the believers would not be shaken
 3. Stronger faith could not keep all troubles from coming
 4. Faith is not fixed but has to be fed and developed (***Romans 10:17 NKJV***)
 - a. Feed your faith
 - ➡ by listening to messages
 - ➡ by reading scriptures
 - ➡ by speaking and meditating on scriptures
- Paul's relief (***1 Thessalonians 3:5-8 CSB***)
 1. Timothy was sent to also find out about their faith
 2. Faith is observed in words and actions
 - a. The actions of the five men (***Mark 2:3-5 NKJV***)
 - b. The centurion's words (***Matthew 8:5-10 NKJV***)
 3. There was good news about their faith and love
 4. Paul was encouraged by the faith of the church
 5. By faith they stood firm in the Lord