

*Week of May 25, 2025*

Faith is How We \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

1. Thinking back on this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. As we start Hebrews 11, take a moment to reflect on the previous chapter. Summarize chapter 10 in your own words – ideally in a single sentence. What was the author's main point?

3. Verse 1 of chapter 11 is well known, but often misunderstood. Based on our study of Hebrews thus far, how are we to understand this definition of faith? What is the object of this faith? For review, see Hebrews 3:6, 6:11, 6:18, 7:19, 10:23.

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4. Verse 2 states that by faith the men of old "gained approval" (NASB). Who are the "men of old?" In what sense did they gain approval, and whose approval did they gain?

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5. Verse 3 indicates that the origins of the universe are a matter of faith. Does this suggest that Christians should reject attempts to study the origins of the universe scientifically? Does empirical knowledge conflict with faith? Why or why not?

6. Faith is an often misunderstood topic in our culture. Imagine you're teaching a Sunday School class of 3rd graders – how would you explain what Biblical faith looks like to them? How is it different from popular notions of faith (faith in the "spirit of Christmas", faith in humanity, "there can be miracles if you believe", etc)? How is it different from mere intellectual agreement with a set of facts (see James 2:19)?

7. We should not walk away from a study of any passage of Scripture without it impacting our lives in some way. What is one way your thinking and/or actions have changed as a result of studying this passage?