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Necessary Faith

Hebrews 11

INTRODUCTION: *Things that are necessary for life…*

Water, food, sleep, oxygen:

* Water-7 days without
* Food-40 days
* Sleep-one guy went 11 days
* Oxygen-minutes

I want to add a fifth one: (for the Christian): FAITH

1. ***DEFINITION*** of Faith…v.1

Martin Luther-“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. It is so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a 1,000 times.”

A. W. Tozer-“Faith, as Paul saw it, was a living, flaming thing leading to surrender and obedience to the commandments of Christ.”

Billy Graham-“Faith is not anti-intellectual. It is an act of man that reaches beyond the limits of our five senses.”

Manley Beasley-“Faith is acting as though a thing is so, when it is not so, in order for it to be so, because it is so.

2. ***DEMONSTRATION*** of Faith…vs. 4ff

* They trusted God when it didn’t look ***GOOD***.
* They trusted God when the ***ODDS*** were against them.
* They trusted God when it didn’t make ***SENSE***.

3. ***DYNAMICS*** of Faith

* ***EVERYONE*** has faith.
* We all trust in ***SOMETHING*** or in ***SOMEONE*** usually every day
* You can’t ***PLEASE*** God without faith…v. 6 (Necessary faith)
* The walk of faith is a ***LIFE LONG*** journey; not an event you complete in and get a prize at the end.
* Maybe through the forests of tribulation
* Or in the valley of loss
* Remember it is a walk with Jesus; you are never alone.

4. ***DECISION*** of Faith