Hebrews 10:32-12:3 • The Meaning of “Faith”

1. (10:32-39) The key word biblically associated with the true meaning of “faith” is “**endurance**”.
2. (11:1-3) The beginning of “faith” is believing in the power of God’s **Word**.
3. (v.4) “Faith” is seeing and understanding the greater meaning behind the **things** of God.
4. (v.5-6) “Faith” is living this life, knowing we’ll never actually **die**.
5. (v.7) We do good works **because** of “faith”, not in order to **obtain** it.
6. (v.8-12) “Faith” does not return to the old life but **follows** God wherever led according to His **pleasure**.
7. (v.13-16) A person with “faith” does not consider themselves to be a **citizen** of this world.
8. (v.17-19) Biblical “faith” requires trusting in God’s Word and ways even when it’s not fully revealed “**why**”.
9. (v.20) Biblical “faith” knows God’s Word will come to pass, even if not until **future generations**.
10. (v.21) “Faith” trusts God to accomplish His Word by His own **means**.
11. (v.22) Biblical “faith” does not place its trust in the **old** life but the **new**.
12. (v.23-29) Biblical “faith” sees the greater teachings and lessons pointing to **Christ** behind the Word and workings of God.
13. (v.30) “Faith” is evidenced by doing things **God’s** way.
14. (v.31) “Faith” transcends the Law and is the bridge for **ALL** **mankind**.
15. (v.32-40) The defining characteristic of biblical “faith” is **enduring** all things for the sake of **Christ**.
16. (v.12:1-3) The proper application of biblical “faith” is rejecting **sin**, **enduring** earthly circumstances, and fixed on **Jesus**.

**Note**: Not a single example was given that if a person has “faith” they can cause a **sign** or **wonder**. Every example given is actually an example of **faithfulness** – obedience to God’s Word and ways.

***Overall Application***

* God works through faith and faith alone. Exercising faith is the only way to **please** Him and receive His **blessing**.
* Faith is a gift from God through the Word and the Spirit. It is not something we “**work up**” for ourselves.
* Faith is always **tested**. Although at times it seems foolish to trust God, faith always conquers in the end.
* To complete the work of faith, one always needs **endurance**.