

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

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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.