

(Romans 12:1-2) So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

Our faith determines the direction and quality of our lives.

(Romans 1:17) This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

--- The Struggle ---

1. We think that _____ is all we need.

(James 2:19) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

2. We think that placing our faith in God, makes life _____.

(1 Thessalonians 1:6) So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord.

--- The Truth ---

(Hebrews 11:1) Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

• Faith is a _____ in someone or something.

(Hebrews 11:6 NASB) And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

• Faith in God is found when I confidently trust Jesus as my _____.

- By faith, I become _____.
- By faith, what He offers becomes _____.

--- Game Changing faith in God ---

✓ I will see how _____ really is.

(Hebrews 11:3) By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

✓ I will give _____ of what I have to offer.

(Hebrews 11:4) By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain,

✓ I will live to _____.

(Hebrews 11:5) It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—"he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.

✓ I will build the _____.

(Hebrews 11:7 NASB) By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

✓ I will obey the _____.

(Hebrews 11:8) It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

✓ I will desire to be _____ with God.

(Hebrews 11:9-10) By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

✓ I will _____, no matter what.

(Hebrews 11:11) It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise.