

CHECKPOINTS

Bottom Line: *“Your view of faith shapes your view of God”*

Key Scripture: Hebrews 11:1, *“Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.”*

Engage

Faith is a tricky thing for a lot of people. It could be that we just don't understand it, or we try to make it something it's not. We take a limited understanding of faith and apply it to our lives. What happens is our faith becomes circumstantial. When the circumstances change, so does our faith leaving us confused.

1. What are some things people put faith in other than God?
2. When you have a circumstantial faith, how do things like poor choices and unexplained tragedy effect our faith?

Unpack

Take a moment and read Hebrews 11:1.

3. According to this verse, how would you define the word faith?
4. Take a moment and read through Hebrews 11. What are some things you can learn from the faith of the people talked about here?

Apply

Understanding God's definition of faith is important. As you read the list of men and women of faith in Hebrews, two things should have stuck out. First, all of them had a belief that God was who He said He was. Second, they all believed that God would come through with what He promised. Even if it wasn't until they passed from this earth into eternity.

5. How does the faith you have in God compare to those listed in Hebrews 11?
6. What can this group do to help you have more faith in God?

Take some time to pray and ask God to continually guide and lead your life.