

Whacha Waitin' For?

Hebrews 11:1 – *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

- **“faith”** – PISTIS; Its chief significance is a conviction respecting God and His Word and the believer's relationship to Him. [**Vine's**]
- **Root**: PEITHO; to be persuaded; to allow oneself to be persuaded. [**Thayer's**]

Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38 – *the just shall live by faith.*

- **OT** – continue safe and sound; be healed; flourish. [**Thayer's**]
- **NT** – ZAO; the maintenance, duration, and enjoyment of physical life; the recovery of physical life from the power of disease and the power of death. [**Vine's**]

Mark 11:22-24 – *So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you **ask** when you pray, believe that you **receive** them, and you will have them.*

- **“ask”** – with the assumption it has already been given.
- **“receive”** – LAMBANO; to take what is one's own; to take to oneself; to make one's own; to seize.

Romans 4:19-21 – *And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a*

hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

- **Vs. 19 [NCV]** – Abraham was almost a hundred years old, much past the age for having children, and Sarah could not have children. Abraham thought about all this, but his faith in God did not become weak.

How do I persuade my heart?

- **Hebrews 11:1** – faith requires EVIDENCE. Gather evidence and allow yourself to be persuaded.
- **Hebrews 11:6** – *But 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 diligently seek Him.*
 - “rewarder” – one who pays wages. Faith is rooted in the love of God. He is good and always good!
 - “diligently seek” – inquire after; require.

Information, application, and transformation.

- Apply the Word, don't just read it.
- Experience yourself living in the results.