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- "Now Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the <u>conviction</u> of things not seen."
- (The word conviction is also translated as certain in the LVB)

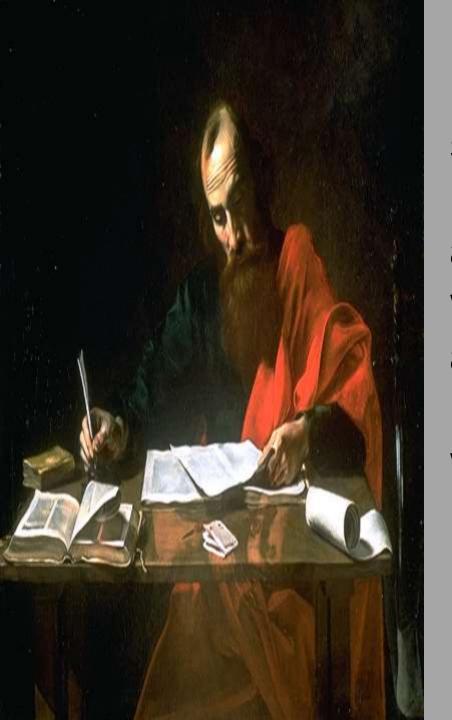
"Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the Word of God." (Romans 10:17)

WHAT IS FAITH

Webster's dictionary says: Faith is belief in, devotion to or trust in. To have faith in someone or something without logical proof.

FAITH IS BELIEVING

Mark 11:22: "Have Faith in God."



"for which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed. For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day." 2 Timothy 1: 12

Two things that God can not do:

1. God cannot force you to do something against your will.

2. God cannot lie.

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Numbers 23:19

"In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began." Titus 1: 2

Hebrews 6:18, "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:"

HOW DOES FAITH WORK?

First, Faith is certain of God's Promise (Heb. 11:1)

Mark 11:24 says

"Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them."

Isaiah 55:8

"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD."

FAITH IS CONFIDENT OF GOD'S POWER (HEB. 11:1)

Philippians 1:6 says, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

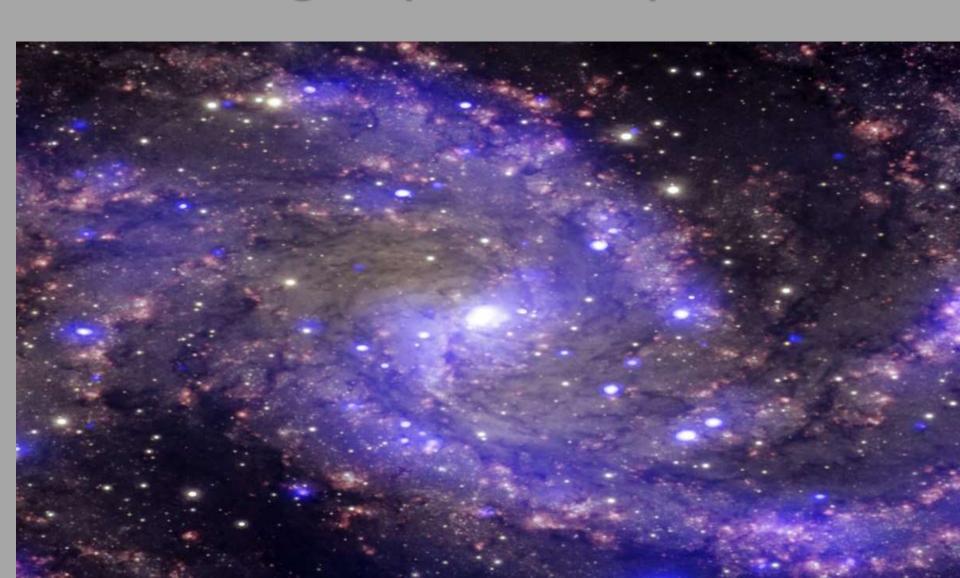
"I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb 13:9)

Paul writes:

"Don't worry about anything, pray about everything, tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for the answer."

Philippians 4:6 (LVB)

Faith takes a good look at God's divine design. (Heb. 11:3)



1 Corinthians 2:14 says, "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him: nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

"In the beginning God created..."
(Genesis 1)

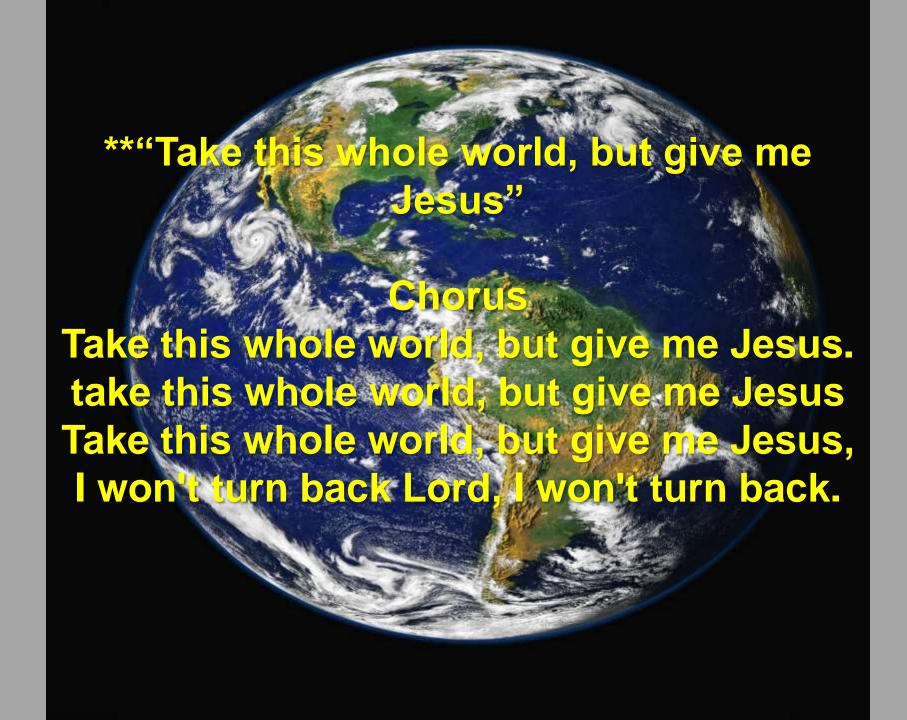
FAITH ACTS ON THE PROMISES OF GOD (HEB 1: 8 - 22)

⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall [a] divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may [b] prosper wherever you go. (Joshua 1: 5, 6, 7)

Faith says that there is no greater reward than to know Jesus Christ (Heb 11:26)

Paul writes in Philippians 3:7-9

"But what things were gain to me these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet, indeed I have counted all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.



Faith overcomes tremendous odds

(HEBREWS 11: 29 - 38)





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