

Now Faith Is 2

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Faith – A firm persuasion, what you believe, or life-governing, decision-making persuasions.

Hebrews 11:1 - NOW FAITH IS the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

As Christians we are called to live our lives by **faith** and not by **what we see!**

II Corinthians 5:7 - For we **walk by faith, not by sight.**

Galatians 3:11b - The righteous will **live by faith.**

The life of faith is living in the world of the senses, but choosing to be governed by what you believe.

Sense knowledge evidence vs. faith or what you believe

On the other side of the life of faith is direct contact with an omnipotent God who loves us.

Walking with God by faith is the entrance into the supernatural resources of Heaven.

Children of Israel coming out of Egypt

- God gave the manna DAILY and any extra would rot.
- They had to trust him DAILY for their food.
- They cried out for their former lifestyle of bondage.

Numbers 11:5 - We remember the fish we ate in Egypt **at no cost** — also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic.

They had a greater desire to live within the predictability of bondage than the wide, open life of faith that requires a DAILY dependence of the goodness of God.

They doubted His goodness and it resulted in their doubting His provision.

Matthew 15:22-28 – ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” ²⁴ But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” ²⁶ But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” ²⁷ And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, **great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

She moved past her position in life to a dependence upon the goodness of God.

She had **great faith** because she had **great confidence** in the **goodness of God**.