



# the faith challenge

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Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?

luke 18:8b



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The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

**john 10:10**



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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.

**hebrews 11:6**



# what is it?

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

**hebrews 11:1-3**



# what is it?

<sup>1</sup>The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. <sup>2</sup>The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. <sup>3</sup>By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see.

**hebrews 11:1-3 (the message)**



# what is it?

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,  
<sup>2</sup>of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

**hebrews 6:1-2**



# a faithful God

<sup>20</sup>He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup>and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

**romans 4:20-21**





# a faithful God

By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

**hebrews 11:11**



# dead faith

<sup>17</sup>Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup>You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! <sup>20</sup>But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

**james 2:17-20**



# comfort zone?

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

**2 corinthians 5:7**

...for whatever is not from faith is sin.

**romans 14:23**



# questions for 2015

1. Is your expectation / plan / hope for 2015 based on God's promises or on natural circumstances?
2. Can your 2015 go on as normal without divine intervention?
3. What will happen if God doesn't pitch / come through?



**you have what it  
takes!**

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

**romans 12:3**