Faith: How do I know it is real? **Hebrews 11:1**

The word Faith appears multiple times in the Bible.

A. FAITH IS AN IMPORTANT WORD IN THE BIBLE

Ephesians 2:8-9 - Romans 5:1

B. FAITH DEFINED

- 1. The assurance of things hoped for.
- 2. Believing God to the point of action.
- 3. Humanity's favorable response to God's revelation.

True faith affects our lives.

I. FAITH MADE ABEL WORSHIP GOD. Hebrews 11:4

1. We DON'T know many details of Abel's faith.

Remember that Adam walked with God.

2. We DO KNOW that his faith caused him to worship God.

He brought his choicest lamb to the place of sacrifice.

3. There is Something wrong with the life that does not worship.

True Faith looks for the opportunity to worship!

II. FAITH MADE ENOCH WALK WITH GOD. Hebrews 11:5, 6

- 1. Enoch walked with God his whole life. Genesis 5:23, 24
- 2. Enoch pleased God!

CAN THAT BE SAID OF YOUR LIFE?

- a. Is God pleased with your life?
- b. True Faith yearns to walk with God. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 3. Enoch's walk of faith delivered him from death.

III. FAITH MADE NOAH WORK FOR GOD Hebrews 11:7

- 1. The tragic story of the decline of humanity into sin. **Genesis 6:5-8** Grace triumphs: <u>God will save Noah</u>.
- 2. But if God will save, there must be real faith that produces works.
 - a. Noah will build an ark because he believes God to the point of action.
 - (1). Every swing of the hammer says, "TRUE FAITH"
 - (2). Every swing of the axe says, "TRUE FAITH"
 - (3). Every move of the brush as he applies the pitch says, "TRUE FAITH"

IV. LISTEN TO JAMES James 2:14-26

- 3. True faith will make us work today!!!
 - $a.\ Caring-Sharing-Witnessing$
 - b. Fishing for men

HAS FAITH CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

WHAT ARE THE EVIDENCES OF TRUE FAITH IN YOUR LIFE?