



AUDACIOUS FAITH | PART FOUR | THE RACE OF FAITH

HEBREWS 11:6 NKJV 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.

BELIEVE THAT HE IS

TODAY WE ARE STARTING A NEW SERIES... AUDACIOUS FAITH... THE KIND OF FAITH THAT IS BOLD, THAT IS CONFIDENT AND BOLD, NOT IN CARNALITY OR HUMAN ABILITIES BUT IN THE PROMISES AND REPUTATION OF GOD, THAT IS BASED ON HOPE AND COMES WITH EVIDENCE AND STORIES OF TESTIMONIES.

BUT HERE ME... A BIG PART OF FAITH IS BELIEF... NOT IN WHAT I CAN SEE WITH MY NATURAL EYES, BUT WHAT I KNOW IN MY SPIRIT.

HEBREWS 11:1-2 Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the ^[b]**evidence** of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

THE WORD FAITH: 4102. Pistis, πίστις, εως, ἡ, FROM THE ROOT: 3982/peithô ("to persuade, be persuaded") which supplies the *core-meaning* of faith ("*divine persuasion*").

PART OF ESTABLISHING YOUR FAITH IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT GOD IS STILL GOD!

TRUTH: We often don't trust the one and only God of all creation, that He can and will do the impossible.

THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH IS NOT REALLY DOUBT... IT'S FEAR...

MATT 6:26-34 TRUTH: FEAR (OF CIRCUMSTANCES, LACK, OR THINGS NOT OF GOD) DOES NOT COME FROM GOD. IT'S A TACTIC OF THE ENEMY

there's only one way to overcome these things...

TRUTH: TAKING A STEP OF FAITH IS THE SOLUTION TO OVERCOMING YOUR FEAR!

HEB 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION: HOW MANY OF YOU WANT TO SEE THE POWER OF ALMIGHTY GOD?

TRUTH: IN MANY WAYS, YOU AND I WILL SEE AS MUCH OF GOD'S POWER IN OUR LIFE AS WE WANT.

BUT THE TRUTH IS MANY OF US (CHRISTIANS) WILL ONLY EXPERIENCE A LITTLE BLIP BECAUSE WE FAIL AT RUNNING THE RACE OF FAITH AND RUNNING IT WELL.

1 COR 9:24-25

JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION IS NOT A GET OUT OF HELL FREE CARD, IT'S A TOTAL REDEMPTION OF HUMAN KIND

COVENANT:

A covenant is a relationship between two parties who make binding promises to each other and work together to reach a common goal. They're often accompanied by oaths, signs, and ceremonies.

QUICK OVERVIEW OF GOD'S COVENANTS WITH MAN:

COVENANT	MAIN PROMISE	SIGN & SACRIFICE
Noahic (with creation)	Never destroy the world with a flood again	Rainbow – Creation & Noah made a burnt offering
Abrahamic (with a family into a nation)	Great family (God's people), Promised land, Universal blessings	Circumcision (a physical mark) – animal sacrifice for the Covenant
Mosaic (with the nation)	Guidance to comply with laws and regulations	Ten Commandments – Then came the law regarding animal sacrifice
Davidic (renewed with a king)	Eternal Kingdom established through David's descendants	The Ark of the Covenant (mercy seat of God) and the throne of David (Earthly King) – renewed animal sacrifices
New (all who repent and accept, by Jesus' blood)	Complete forgiveness of sin, eternal life through Jesus Christ & fulfillment of the Old	"Circumcision of the heart" Romans 2:29 (a spiritual mark) – JESUS!

	with both Jews & Gentiles!	
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HEBREWS 8:1-7 HEBREWS 9:1-14

CHRIST ALREADY FOUGHT AND WON AGAINST DEATH, HELL, AND THE GRAVE, SO I ALREADY HAVE A SECURED VICTORY, BUT I STILL MUST RUN THE RACE!

HEB 11:1-3 HEB 12:1-8

YOU HAVE TO ASK GOD: IS THERE ANYTHING THAT HOLDS ME BACK FROM EXPERINCEING AND EMBRACING ALL YOU HAVE FOR ME????

RACE: 73. Agón: (a masculine noun, and the root of the English words, "agony," "agonize") – properly, a *contest (struggle)*, a grueling *conflict (fight)*; (figuratively) *positive struggle* that goes with "*fighting* the good *fight* of faith" (1 Tim 6:12) – which literally states, "*Struggle* ([75](#) /agōnízomai) the good *struggle* ([73](#) /agón) of the (life of) faith."

From [ago](#); properly, a place of assembly (as if led)

-THERE IS SOME AGONY, SOME PAIN THAT COMES WITH RUNNING THIS KIND OF A RACE... SO THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WORTH FOCUSING ON...

SEE WE HAVE TO KEEP AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MIND WHAT JESUS CHRIST DID

1 COR 11:23-26

**THE RACE OF FAITH IS NOT ABOUT THE START ALONE...
YOU HAVE TO RUN IT.**

**COMMUNION IS THE FOCUSING ON JESUS AS THE
AUTHOR AND FINISHER**

EPHESIANS 2:1-10