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**“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.”**

[Martin Luther]

**ENGAGE & CONNECT ||**

Who is an example of faith you look up to?

**BEGIN WITH PRAYER ||**

Lord, make us mighty people of unwavering faith. Test it, try it, grow it through waiting on You.

*“Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.”*

[James 1:2-3]

**BIG IDEA ||**

Faith is more than wishing, more than hope. Faith is being assured.

**PASSAGE & DISCUSSION ||!**

1. Tell me the stories of what God has done this past year. It can be a testimony of what He’s done in your life or Bible stories that really meant a lot to you or jumped off the page or you saw them in a new light this year. We’re going to reflect back on this year with God together.

**Hebrews 11**

2. Who stands out to you in this passage?
3. If your story were included here, what would it say? “By faith, (your name) \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. What is different about your life because you believe God?
5. What part of your life could use more faith?
6. In that area of your life, what do you need to believe instead of what you have been believing?

**STEP OF OBEDIENCE ||**

Without faith **it is impossible to please God.**

*As you consider your next step, reflect on:* 1) Where could I have faith like Hebrews 11? 2) What do I need to believe from or about God, instead of what I’ve been believing?

## Step of Faith Ideas

1. Ask God “I believe; help my unbelief” when you’re struggling to find traction in faith
2. Re-look at the places in your life that need change and ask God to choose what He wants to work on first.

## PRAYER FOCUS ||

### Evidence of the Unseen

Let’s give God the gift that pleases Him and grow in faith together, believing in Him more fully this next year.

- Look back on this last year and ask God to show you what He has been doing.
- Invite Him to grow your faith in the coming year, even in the difficult things ahead.
- Pick a song of trust in God as your anthem to close out this year and welcome the new one.
- Close your time by reading this prayer together:
  - *“Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be Your name  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ||

- [Book of Hebrews Summary](#)
  - This brief video gives a summary of the book of Hebrews.