

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

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### PART 17: THE DEFINITION OF FAITH

#### **WHAT IS FAITH?**

Webster's dictionary defines faith as an "unquestioning belief" or an "absolute trust in a person, in an object or in God." **Hebrews 11:1-3**

Eve did not have faith in God. Even when she recited what God had spoken, she dismissed the fact that God had integrity and would follow up on his spoken word. Instead, she had faith in the serpent (Satan) and Adam went along for the ride. **Genesis 3:1-6**

Noah had faith and believed that if God had spoken about a future event, there was no doubt it was going to take place. **Genesis 6:13-22**

Moses learned to trust God. **Exodus 4:1-18**

#### **GOD DEMANDS FAITH IN HIM**

God is supreme and will do whatever he wants to do. **Isaiah 45:21-23; 46:9-13**

Achan decided to trespass against God's command. He had no fear of God and did not believe that God watched over his spoken word. If you have faith in God, you will be obedient. **Joshua 7:1-15**

King Saul did not have faith in God and became careless and disobedient. It cost him his kingdom. **1 Samuel 15:1-29**

#### **OUR VIEW OF GOD SHAPES OUR FAITH**

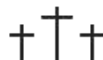
The burning bush did not impress Moses when it came to the greatness of God and created fear instead. **Exodus 3:1-6**

When God came down in power on the mountain of Sinai, it changed the viewpoint Moses and the people had of God as they realized how powerful God was in comparison to them. **Exodus 19:9-25**

#### **THE CREATION SPEAKS OF THE GREATNESS OF GOD**

God spoke of His greatness to Job. **Job 38:1-33**

- ❖ How big is your God?
- ❖ Is He all powerful?
- ❖ Is He supreme and eternal?
- ❖ Does He have integrity?
- ❖ Can you trust Him with your life?



Your concept of God will determine how much faith you have! **Mark 11:22-24**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***