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AUTHENTIC FAITH
Hebrews 11:1-3, 6-8 & 27

INTRODUCTION:

- A. How would you define authentic faith?
"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us an assurance about things we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1
- B. Genuine faith understands: No risk, No faith!
"And it is impossible to please God without faith." Hebrews 11:6
- C. ***"Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth...."*** Colossians 2:7

I. AUTHENTIC FAITH IS BELIEVING WHEN WE DON'T SEE.

- A. ***"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we don't see."*** Hebrews 11:1
- B. Authentic Faith dares to see the future in the present.

II. AUTHENTIC FAITH IS OBEYING WHEN WE DON'T UNDERSTAND.

- A. ***"It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before."*** Hebrews 11:7
- B. ***"Noah did everything exactly as God commanded him [out of obedience]."*** Genesis 6:22
- C. ***"It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance."*** Hebrews 11:8

III. AUTHENTIC FAITH PERSISTS EVEN WHEN WE DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.

- A. ***"It was by faith that Moses left Egypt, not fearing the King's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible."*** Hebrews 11:27
- ***"He held his purpose like a man who could see the invisible."*** Hebrews 11:27 (Jerusalem Bible)

- B. Develop persistence by outlasting the critics and the crises in life.

CONCLUSION: