"My righteous one will live by faith,
And if he shrinks back,
I will not be pleased with him."

- Heb. 10:38

## "We live by faith, not by sight." -2 Cor. 5:7

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

- Heb. 11:6

## MAKING OUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE: AM I LIVING BY FAITH?

Hebrews 11

What is faith?

Being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (vs 1)

What does it look like to walk by (live by) faith?

Vs. 3 Trusting (placing the full weight of our convictions on) God as He is revealed in His holy word

Vs. 4 Putting our knife to the throat of the best we have as an offering to the Lord (See Gen. 4)

Vs. 7 Living in a holy fear of God (Prov. 1:7; 9:10-12) and acting in obedience even before it makes sense to us

Vs. 8 Following God's command step by step, without having to see the whole map

Vs. 9 Being willing to live as an alien and stranger, knowing that this world is not our Home

Vs. 11-12 Trusting God with our home and family, submitting as parents to His design and plan

Vs. 13 Being faithful unto death, not bailing on God when things get tough. Not forsaking Him when His timing and ours does not align.

Vs. 16 Believing that – in Christ – what lies ahead of us is SO much greater than this present life. This allows us to holds loosely to the things and earth and to long for our eternal home.

Vs. 17 Withholding nothing from God. Allowing nothing to get in between us and our Savior

Vs. 21 Leaving a legacy. Having a '150 year plan'

Vs. 22 Being forever trusting in the promises of God. "Standing on the promises"

Vs. 23 Parenting in such a way as to prioritize the spiritual lives of your children

Vs. 24 Living boldly as the Redeemed, no matter the cost nor what others do. Remembering always who we are and Whose we are.

Vs. 27 Persevering, with our eyes fixed on Jesus

Vs. 28 Taking seriously the commands of God

Vs. 29 Courageously stepping out

Vs. 30 Being okay with the mystery of God

Vss. 32ff Being willing to endure much for the sake of the Gospel, knowing that great is our reward in heaven.

## MATT. 6:25-34

Daily choosing faith over fear, remembering who our Father is

Taking advantage of the many illustrations from Creation, all the while learning more of the nature of God (Romans 1:20)

Seeking first HIS kingdom, while trusting Him with us and ours