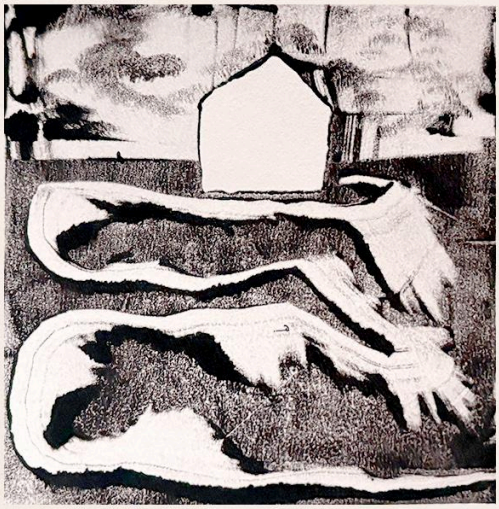


RECOVERING THE WAY OF FAITH

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Hebrews 11:1-3, 6, 8-16 NLT
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Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.
Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen…
And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him…
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. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.
It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. And so a whole nation

came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.
All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Faith is a Way

The Faith
My Faith
Having Faith
Acts of Faith
Statements of Faith
Faith as a State of Being

Faith in Scripture is measured less by intensity and more by fidelity over time.

Hebrews 11:1
NIV: Now faith is *confidence* [hypostasis] in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
ESV: Now faith is the *assurance* [hypostasis] of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
NLT: Faith shows the *reality* [hypostasis] of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

"Now faith celebrates the objective reality of the blessings for which we hope…"
- William Lane

Faith is how we stand on the solid ground beneath our hope.
What we hope for are the promises of God.
Which means, faith is more like a specific attitude you have to Reality.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Faith is not the thing carrying the weight. The promises of God are.

And faith is the attitude/posture we take toward those promises.

Faith is how we stand on them,
trusting that God is faithful to His word,
even when fulfilment is very slow,
even when the path is very long,
even when the outcome remains shrouded in mystery or totally unseen.

What are the promises of God?

2 Corinthians 1:20
For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Promises of God = God

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Hebrews 11:6
And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him…

Faith as Journey
Faith as Reality
Faith as Embodied Life
Faith as Mystery

Hebrews 11:13
All these people died still believing what God had promised them.

Faith is not validated by outcomes.
Faith is validated by loyalty to the promise.

Faith needs two wings to fly: patience and endurance.