



Luke 17:5 NLT The apostles said to the Lord,
 "Show us HOW TO INCREASE OUR FAITH."

Enlarging our ability to confidently trust in God and in His power
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#2 FAITH AND THE UNSEEN

Hebrews 11:1 in the translations:

NIV: Now faith is <u>confidence</u> in what we hope for	and <u>assurance</u> about what we do not see.
ESV: the <u>assurance</u> of things hoped for	the <u>conviction</u> of things not seen
KJV: the <u>substance</u> of things hoped for	the <u>evidence</u> of things not seen
NLT: shows the <u>reality</u> of what we hope for	
Berean:	the <u>certainty</u> of what we do not see
NASB: the <u>certainty</u> of things hoped for	a <u>proof</u> of things not seen
Amp: <u>title deed, confirmation</u>	the <u>conviction</u> of their reality
CEV: makes us <u>sure</u> of the things we hope for	gives us <u>proof</u> of what we cannot see
Weymouth: a <u>well-grounded assurance</u>	a <u>conviction of the reality</u> of things
Mace: the <u>foundation of our hopes</u> for happiness	the <u>persuasion we have</u> about things not evident to our senses

Note the structure:

	Faith is:
being sure of	certain of
what we hope for	what we do not see

"The assurance of things hoped for" means the person has complete confidence that God will fulfill his promises. We often think of the word "hope" in terms of uncertain desire—"I hope it doesn't rain on Saturday," "I hope I do well on this test." For believers, however, "hope" is a desire based on assurance, and the assurance is based on God's character.

"The conviction of things not seen" means that the person believes in the reality of something that he or she cannot see, taste, hear, or touch. The "things not seen" include eternal life, future rewards, heaven, and so forth. Faith regards these to be as real as what can be perceived with the senses. Faith means that if God promised something, he will fulfill that promise. Faith allows Christians to make God-honoring decisions based on unseen realities. This conviction about God's unseen promises allows Christians to persevere in their faith regardless of persecution, opposition, and temptation. (*Life Application Bible Commentary: Hebrews*)

Pressing In:

"Faith is to _____ what we do not _____, and the reward of this faith is to _____ what we _____." —Augustine



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