

Title: "By Faith" – The Journey

Big Picture: Great faith hinges on our great God.

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1, 6, 8-19

To move from "little faith" to "great faith" involves:

1. Understanding what it is and the motivation for it. (vss. 1 & 6)
 - a) **Reality** and **proof** of things hoped for and not seen;
 - b) Motivation: Biblical faith **pleases** God.
2. Stepping out of our "comfort zone" in obedience to God's leading (vs. 8)
 - a) No **excuses** – let's do this! (2 Timothy 1:7)
3. Living and acting with eternity in mind (vss. 9, 10)
 - a) Our citizenship is in **heaven** (Phil. 3:20)
 - b) We're **seated** in the heavens right now! (Eph. 2:6)
4. A learning process to trust God and His timing (vss. 11, 12)
 - a) Don't get **ahead** of Him – rely on His timing (Ps. 27:15)
5. Being OK with not seeing God's promises fulfilled on this side of glory (vss. 13-16)
 - a) Persevere because God always **keeps** His promises! (Numbers 23:19)
6. Reason followed by action (vss. 17, 18)
 - a) Reason is doing **critical** thinking. (1 Thess. 5:21)
 - b) Reason includes **calculation** and **conclusions** which are based God's character and attributes.

Points to Ponder and Critical Thinking

Is God leading you to do something but haven't done it yet?

Are you willing to step out in obedience?

Are you living a life with eternity in mind?

Are you willing to look forward to our ultimate future?

Is God teaching you to trust Him more?

Are you willing to let Him instruct your heart?

Are you struggling with being patient with God and His timing?

Are you willing to wait on Him?

Are you ok with God's plans and purposes without seeing them come to fruition?

Are you willing to walk by faith and not by sight?

Ask God to help you on your journey of being a person of great faith!