




Woody Values

Expectancy

<p>Expectancy – we believe God has a wonderful plan for Woody and for each person in this World. We are excited to see those plans revealed and will encourage expectation within Woody. We desire to see expectant worship, expectant prayer, to be expectant of the work of the Holy Spirit and to grow in expectancy through hearing testimony. We come to gatherings prepared to praise and worship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading gatherings anticipating the presence and work of the Holy Spirit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming to gatherings with an attitude of expectancy
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Hebrews 11

1. Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.



³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

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By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.”^[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. **6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

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By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.


⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

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¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered Him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.







Three parts:

1. What is faith?
2. Individual faith
3. Communal faith





Part one:
What is faith?





Hebrews 11:1
Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

The Message (MSG)
11¹⁻²The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see.





Another definition:
When we believe the truth with enough confidence to take action we exercise faith.





Examples:

- The Great Blondin
- Peter
- Electricity





Part two:
Individual faith







How to build faith?
Romans 10: 17
¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.



1. Read the word
2. Practice



How was your week?





Part Three:
Communal faith





Mark 6: 4-6

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.




Hebrews 11: Verse 6.


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Key elements



- The word of God
- Worship
- Testimony
- Prayer





When we gather

- Expectancy
- Responsibility



Summary / Response:

Read the word
Step out in risk
Come expecting God to move

