



WEEK ELEVEN | STORIES OF FAITH

Have you thought much **about** the relationship between faith and action? The more you come to know God and Jesus and read the Bible, you begin to make the connection. Why did Jesus do what he did on the Cross? Why did the apostles, and many disciples, sacrifice so much, even their lives for Christ? Why do people who follow Christ pursue a man/God they have never actually seen? In this case, not seeing is believing.

Share about a time you had to keep going even when you couldn't see how things would turn out. What helped you persevere?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Hebrews 11:1.

How is biblical faith different from wishful thinking or blind optimism?

The writer uses examples of faith from the Old Testament that would strongly resonate with his readers. They were core people and stories from their history. Hebrews 11:15–16 says they were “longing for a better country.”

Who is a core person (today or in the past) that strengthens your faith?

What's one “old way” or “old pattern” that's easy for you to slip back into when life gets hard?

Faith often involves acting before seeing.

When was that true for you? What struggles did you have going through that?

APPLY IT

Read Hebrews 11:13.

What do you think it means to live as a “foreigner” or “stranger” in our world today?

How might that perspective shape your priorities, values, or daily decisions?

Russ said that faith is “informed trust — not blind trust.”

What are some ways God has proven His faithfulness in your past that give you confidence for the future?

ALWAYS CLOSE IN PRAYER

End by reading Hebrews 11:16 aloud.