



Pleasing God!

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2 Corinthians 5 ⁷ for we live by faith, not by what we see with our eyes. ⁸ We live with a joyful confidence, yet at the same time we take delight in the thought of leaving our bodies behind to be at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we live or die **we make it *our life's passion* ("aim" – NKJV; "ambition" – NASU; "goal" – NLT) to live our lives *pleasing to him*.** ¹⁰ For one day we will all be openly revealed before Christ on his throne so that each of us will be duly recompensed for our actions done in life, whether good or worthless. TPT

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.** NLT

1 John 4 ¹⁶ We have come into an intimate experience with God's love, and **we trust in the love he has for us. God is love!** Those who are living in love are living in God, and God lives through them. TPT

Psalms 78 ^{40b} ...How they **grieved him with their grumblings.** ⁴¹ Again and again **they limited God, preventing him from blessing them.** Continually they turned back from him and provoked the Holy One of Israel! ⁴² **They forgot his great love,** how he took them by his hand, and *with redemption's kiss* he delivered them from their enemies. TPT

Mark 6 ⁵ And **He could do no miracle** there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And **He wondered at their unbelief.** And He was going around the villages teaching. NASU

Matthew 13 ⁵⁸ And their **great unbelief kept him from doing any mighty miracles in Nazareth.** TPT ⁵⁸ And He **did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.** NASU

Hebrews 11 ¹ NOW **FAITH** is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. ² For by [faith — trust and holy fervor born of faith] **the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report.** ³ By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible. AMP

Genesis 12 ¹ NOW [in Haran] the **Lord said to Abram, Go** for yourself **[for your own advantage]** away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, **to the land that I will show you.** [Heb 11:8-10.] ² And I will make of you a great nation, and **I will bless you** [with **abundant increase of favors**] and make your name famous and distinguished, and **you will be a blessing** [dispensing good to others]. ³ And **I will bless those who bless you** [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and **curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed**

[and by you they will bless themselves]. [Gal 3:8.] ⁴ So **Abram departed, as the Lord had directed him**; and Lot [his nephew] went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵ Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the persons [servants] that they had acquired in Haran, and they went forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the locality of Shechem, to the oak or terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. ⁷ Then the **Lord appeared to Abram** and said, **I will give this land to your posterity**. So **Abram built an altar there to the Lord**, Who had appeared to him. AMP

Hebrews 11 ⁸ **By faith Abraham, when he was called**, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and **he went out, not knowing where he was going**. ⁹ **By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise**, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ **By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive**, even beyond the proper time of life, **since she considered Him faithful who had promised**. ¹² Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE. ¹³ **All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance**, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. ¹⁵ And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them. ¹⁷ **By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac**, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; ¹⁸ it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED." ¹⁹ **He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead**, from which he also received him back as a type. ²⁰ **By faith Isaac** blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. ²¹ **By faith Jacob**, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. ²² **By faith Joseph**, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones. ²³ **By faith Moses**, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. ²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned. ³⁰ **By faith** the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ **By faith Rahab** the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace. ³⁹ And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect. NASU