



Pleasing God!

Trusting In God's Love For Us

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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

Romans 10 ¹⁷ So then **faith comes by hearing,** and **hearing by the word of God.** NKJV

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 grumbings.** 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...** TPT

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

Romans 4 ³ Listen to what the Scriptures say: **Because Abraham believed God's words, his faith transferred God's righteousness into his account.** ⁵ But no one earns God's righteousness. It can only be transferred when we no longer rely on our own works, but believe in the one who powerfully declares the ungodly to be righteous in his eyes. **It is faith that transfers God's righteousness into your account!** ¹³ God promised Abraham and his descendants that they would have an heir who would reign over the world. This royal promise was not fulfilled because Abraham kept all the law, but through the righteousness that was transferred by faith. ¹⁸ **Against all odds, when it looked hopeless, Abraham believed the promise** and expected God to fulfill it. **He took God at his word,** and as a result he became the father of many nations. God's declaration over him came to pass: "Your descendants will be so many that they will be impossible to count!" ¹⁹ In spite of being nearly one hundred years old when the promise of having a son was made, **his faith was so strong that it could not be undermined by the fact that he and Sarah were incapable of conceiving a child.**

20-21 **He never stopped believing God's promise**, for he was made strong in his faith to *father a child*. And because he was mighty in faith and convinced that God had all the power needed to fulfill his promises, Abraham glorified God! ²² So now you can see why Abraham's faith was credited to his account as righteousness before God. ²³ And this declaration was not just spoken over Abraham, ²⁴ but also over us. For when we believe and embrace the one who brought our Lord Jesus back to life, perfect righteousness will be credited to our account as well. ²⁵ Jesus was handed over to be crucified for the forgiveness of our sins and was raised back to life to prove that he had made us right with God! TPT

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