



Have Faith Whatever the Obstacles
Week 5

Sunday 14th March 2010
10am & 6.30pm services

Many don't have _____ today

People do not have a saving faith in God
People do not believe God for the impossible
People do not look to God to fulfil his promises

Is faith really that important?

"And without faith it is impossible to please God..." (Hebrews 11:6a TNIV)

There are many _____ to faith

- Personal _____
- Lack of belief that God can do the _____
- Unwillingness to take hold of God's _____

The key to having faith whatever the obstacles is...

when our faith is in the God

_____!

God is able to _____ me and no-one else can.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God..." (Ephesians 2:8 TNIV)

God is able to _____ me when no-one else can.

"(Jesus) said, '*your faith has healed you.*' And the woman was healed from that moment." (Matthew 9:22b TNIV)

God is able to keep all his _____ like no-one else can.

"God is not a human, that he should lie, not a human being that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil?" (Numbers 23:19 TNIV)

What can I do today to have this kind of faith?

_____ that God is able.

Then Jesus said, "*Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?*" (John 11:40 TNIV)

_____ like God is able.

"*If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.*" (Matthew 21:22 TNIV)

_____ as God enables.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20 TNIV)

Small Group Preparation

(Following Week 5 of Church-Wide Series)

Getting to Know You

1. When it comes to football, which of the following is truest for you?
 - a. I would never switch teams – EVER!
 - b. I would change teams if they kept losing for three years in a row.
 - c. I have changed my football team before and I'll do it again if I have to!
 - d. What's football? (this option is mainly for NSW people)

Getting Started

2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. Can you recall a time when you gave up on an instrument, sport or activity because of some obstacle you encountered? What caused you to give up?
4. Do you ever find it difficult to persevere in your faith in our culture today? What obstacles have you come across in your work, school or home environment? Explain.

Getting into the Bible

5. Read Hebrews 10:32-11:2. The book of Hebrews was written sometime between A.D. 50 to 90, probably before A.D. 70, and its author is unknown. The recipients were predominately Jewish Christians. Look up the verses below to discover more about what was going on in the lives of the recipients of this letter.
 - What had they been through? (10:32-33)
 - How had they responded back then? (10:34)
 - How were some of them being tempted now? (10:35; see also 10:25a)

6. What advice does the writer give to those who were facing potential obstacles to their faith? (10:36)
7. What are the implications for those who have faith whatever the obstacles as well as those who shrink back in the face of them? (10:38-39)

Getting it into my Life

8. For those who persevere in the faith, there will come a day when they will be richly rewarded with the fullness of eternal life. How does this encourage you as you encounter any particular obstacles to your faith right now?
9. What is one practical step you could take this week to persevere in your faith whatever the obstacles?

