Strong Faith  
Hebrews 11:1-6

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

Without faith, it’s impossible to ________ God. What kind of faith does God ________ from His people? What does a strong faith ________ like when it’s challenged? The Word of God gives us the answer. Paul said, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). The more we read and study God’s Word, the __________ our faith will become. The more we ________ God’s Word, the better we’ll know God and His will for our lives. Nothing can replace a serious study of Scripture to help you ________ in faith. Paul commended the elders of the church at Ephesus “to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified” (Acts 20:32). We need God’s Word to build us up spiritually and to ________ us go to heaven.

To say, “I believe,” means placing your complete ________ in the Lord Jesus. It means trusting in God when you may not fully ______________ what lies ahead. Faith stands firm in your trust of God’s ___________ even when life is filled with unsettling circumstances. Faith means taking God at His Word, regardless of what ________ say. Faith means being willing to act in ___________ out of trust in the character and the authority of God Himself. We trust His Word, because we trust Him.

What we know about God, how He’s dealt with people in the past, should speak to what we see for the _________. It should tell us what God will do. The Lord Jesus said, “If anyone is willing to _____ His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it’s of God or whether I speak from Myself” (John 7:17). Are you willing to do His will? Do you trust God?


Hebrews 11:6 says, “And without faith it’s impossible to ________ Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He’s a rewarder of those who ________ Him.” Faith is essential to our ___________ and to living the Christian life. Faith makes a remarkable difference in how we ________, how we _____, and how we ________ others.

There’s a _______ difference between those who believe in Christ and those who don’t know Him or believe in Him. When people really believe and put their faith into ___________, they make the world brighter, more loving, more positive, more joyful, more hopeful, and closer to God. When people don’t know God or have no faith in Him, they lack the ________ that comes from God; they lack the ________ of God, and the ________ of God. Without faith, they often _______ to fairy tales and myths. They build for themselves ________ that cannot talk, cannot hear their prayers, and cannot help them in a time of trouble. They live futile lives.

The Scriptures teach us of people who put their faith into practice and found the __________ of God. Hebrews 11:2 says, “For by it (that is, by faith) the men of God gained __________.” God blesses true believers. Hebrews 11 gives many __________ of faith in action.
Hebrews 11:7 says, “By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence ___________ an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” Noah took what God told him to heart. He built an ark to the ___________ of his family. Genesis 6:22 says, “Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.” Real faith is not ________; it is active and living. It reveals itself by _________ what God commands.

Hebrews 11: 8 says, “By faith Abraham, when he was called, ___________ by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.” God made a covenant with Abraham and made him a ___________ that he would make of him a great nation. God called Abraham at the age of seventy-five, when he lived in Haran and told him to go to the land of Canaan. Abraham obeyed, even though he didn’t _________ how God would accomplish all these things or when. Faith obeys even when it doesn’t understand all the _________ why, or the ways how, or even when.

Faith _________ us to trust God and to be obedient to His Word. Do you believe the Bible is God’s Word? Do you believe that God created the world in six days and created you? Do you believe in heaven and in hell? Believing God means believing what we’ve been ________. If we don’t believe what God says in His inspired Word, we really don’t believe God.

Do you believe the Bible is _________? Do you believe God has _________ authority? Do you _________ the Lord in all that He instructs? He tells us what to believe and what to do. Are you willing to _________ God’s Word, even when it disagrees with your friends, and family, and neighbors? Are you willing to _________ your thinking on every subject to what the Bible says? Are you willing to do what the Bible says, even if you don’t _________ to? Do you believe God’s promises will _________ true?

To claim “I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and Lord” means that I’ve given myself to Him and will believe what He ___________. Faith is not ___________ in what it believes. It doesn’t say that it believes _________ things that Jesus teaches while _________ other things. If one believes Jesus is truly God’s Son, risen from the dead and knows all things, one believes Him completely. He will stand with Jesus even when the whole _________ disagrees.

Great faith is the answer to ___________. To believe in God’s promises helps us to _________ in the best way with the challenges of life. When we believe, we know God will take _________ of us. Even if we should _________ for our faith, we lose the love of God when we don’t believe. When the disciples thought the storm on the Sea of Galilee would overtake them, Jesus said to them, “Why are you _________? How is it that you have no faith?” (Mark 4:40). We all face frightening storms, but when the Lord is with us, we must not abandon all __________. The apostle Peter, inspired of God, _________ the church for the Roman persecution. Read 1 Peter 3:13-17.

Strong faith in Christ will determine _________ we will live. There’s a significant difference between those who truly believe and those who __________. Our faith in God’s teaching will determine our _________ and our __________. Since God’s Word is final and authoritative, we
reject the notion that morals are relative and dependent on circumstances. God’s morality matters. Since we believe the Lord will ______ us on the last day by His Word and by our deeds, there are firm reasons to be moral beings, to love and respect others, and to live with integrity and honesty.

Only faith in a God to whom we must _______ provides the constant motivation for right living. **Read how Paul warned the Athenian philosophers in Acts 17:30-31.** If I believe, I cannot keep on doing the things that are _______. If I believe, I can’t keep on lying, I can’t keep on stealing, using foul language, gossiping, getting drunk, coveting other men’s possessions; I can’t keep on committing acts of fornication, or taking vengeance, and many other sins. I must regard myself as ______ to sin and _______ to righteousness. Faith doesn’t ______ some sins as wrong and some as insignificant. To believe God means to believe ______ sin is hurtful, destructive, and wrong. Are you willing to sacrifice friendship with the world to be a Christian?

It should never _______ us that the world is worldly, filled with selfish ambition, lusts, and the desire to overthrow the _______ God placed upon us. Many have cast off the teaching of God in Scripture for their ______ opinions, morals, and desires. This rejection of faith in God shows ______ our society is in a moral mess and full of chaos. **Read how the apostle Paul described the pagan world of the first century in Ephesians 4:17-19.** When people _______ to give themselves to God, they start giving themselves to sin.

One talk show recently suggested that we _______ in a post-fact world. That is, people don't want the _______ if they disagree with their preconceived ideas or agendas. Some in our culture are driven more by their _______ than by their _______. They follow their passions and follow their friends rather than _______ the truth. They do what they _______ to do rather than what they _______ to do. When our desires rule over our duties, when our lusts overrule our morals, when our emotions overrule the facts, we are indeed living a _______ headed for ruin. Like the prodigal, we'll one day find total permissiveness _______ us to a pig pen.

How badly we _______ faith, a confident trust in what God says to be _______! When we leave the Truth, the way things really are as God _______ them, we’re left with chaos and confusion. Without God’s revealed will, we don’t _______ where we came from, why we’re here, or what will happen to us once this life is over. Without God’s instructions, we’re on a _______ to destruction. We need God’s teaching, God’s salvation, God’s providence, and God’s instructions. The Lord Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by _______ _______ that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Without God’s teaching there is no real nourishment for the _______.

Many people have bought into the idea that they should never express their faith to others, but should keep it _______. They believe we should _______ anything “Christian” from the public square. They would _______ Christianity from every aspect of life. When you _______ faith in Christ, you’re promoting faith in something futile, something that cannot save you or give you eternal life. You’re advocating a faith _______ on things less than God, less
than moral, and less than true. When faith in Christ is ______, people place their faith in a fantasy!

Belief in the God of the Bible is not like believing in an _______ or in some humanly manufactured religion. Belief in God is not some _______ leap of faith. Belief in God is built upon _______ evidence found in our created world, found in Scripture, found in history, found in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and found in our very nature as moral beings. The DNA in every cell of your body and mine could _______ come from a great intelligence. The universe with stars, and planets, and moons could only come from a great _________. The moral conscientiousness that’s inside your ________ could only come from a moral governor. The moral and spiritual _________ found in Scripture could only come from a Divine source. Yes, there is a God in heaven, who made you, who loves you, who sent His Son to die for you, and who will one day __________ you by His Word.

Since God is ________, don’t hesitate to come to Him, to know Him, to love Him, and to obey Him. Don’t hesitate to give yourself _______ to Him. Coming to Christ means denying ourselves and taking up our crosses to __________ Him. True faith involves a _____ commitment. Paul said, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it’s no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by _______ in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me” (Galatians 2:20). Have you made a full commitment to Christ or are you wavering in your faith? Jesus Christ fully committed Himself to you upon the _______ for your sins in the hope that you would respond to His love by fully trusting and __________ Him. Love Him, trust Him, and serve Him! If you believe, don’t hesitate any longer.

People frequently tell themselves things that simply aren’t true rather than having to deal with what God __________. They put off making any decision or commitment. They think somehow everything will be okay in the _______ regardless of what they believe or do. Oh, it would be ______ to face the Lord in judgment spiritually unprepared. I don’t know of any promise of God to ________ the unbeliever or the disobedient.

We don’t like to think that anyone would be ______; but we mustn’t presume upon the grace of God. We have no __________ of salvation apart from grace, or apart from faith, or apart from repentance, or apart from obedience. We want the _______. We don’t want any ___________ on the day of judgment. We don’t want to be ___________, thinking that we’re saved, and then finding out we’re rejected.

God will save those who place their _______ in Him, those who __________ of their sins, and those who are willing to _______ His word. Read James 1:22-25. If you truly believe in Jesus Christ, if you repent of your sins, if you turn your heart to the teaching of Christ, if you confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God and you’re baptized into Christ and you do that for the forgiveness of your sins, God can save you and He will. Baptism is not for little children but for those who are old enough to really believe and to repent. When you’re baptized, God will wash away all of your sins; He’ll make you His child; and you’ll have His blessing only if you remain faithful. Oh, will you be baptized, and will you remain faithful?