

**Welcome to First & Faith UMC**  
**Sermon Notes - October 24, 2021**  
**“Living by Faith”**

**Hebrews 11 - selected verses,**

3 **By faith** we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. 4 **By faith** Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. **By faith** he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And **by faith** he still speaks, even though he is dead. 5 **By faith** Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 7 **By faith** Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes **by faith**. 8 **By faith** Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 **By faith** he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 11 **By faith** Abraham, even though he was past age-- and Sarah herself was barren-- was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. 13 All these people were still living **by faith** when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. 17 **By faith** Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 20 **By faith** Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. 21 **By faith** Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. 22 **By faith** Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.

23 **By faith** Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 24 **By faith** Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 27 **By faith** he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. 28 **By faith** he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. 29 **By faith** the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. 30 **By faith** the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days. 31 **By faith** the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

**Life Application Questions:**

- 1) In what ways do you live “by faith”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Have you ever been inspired by the faith of a friend or family member?

**Prayer:** “Dear Lord, we thank you for helping us to live by faith. Please forgive us when we drift away to live by unbelief and skepticism. May we each have a deep and real faith that is revealed during even the most challenging times and circumstances. May our congregation be filled with people of great faith so we can effectively live out your mission in our community and world. Amen.”