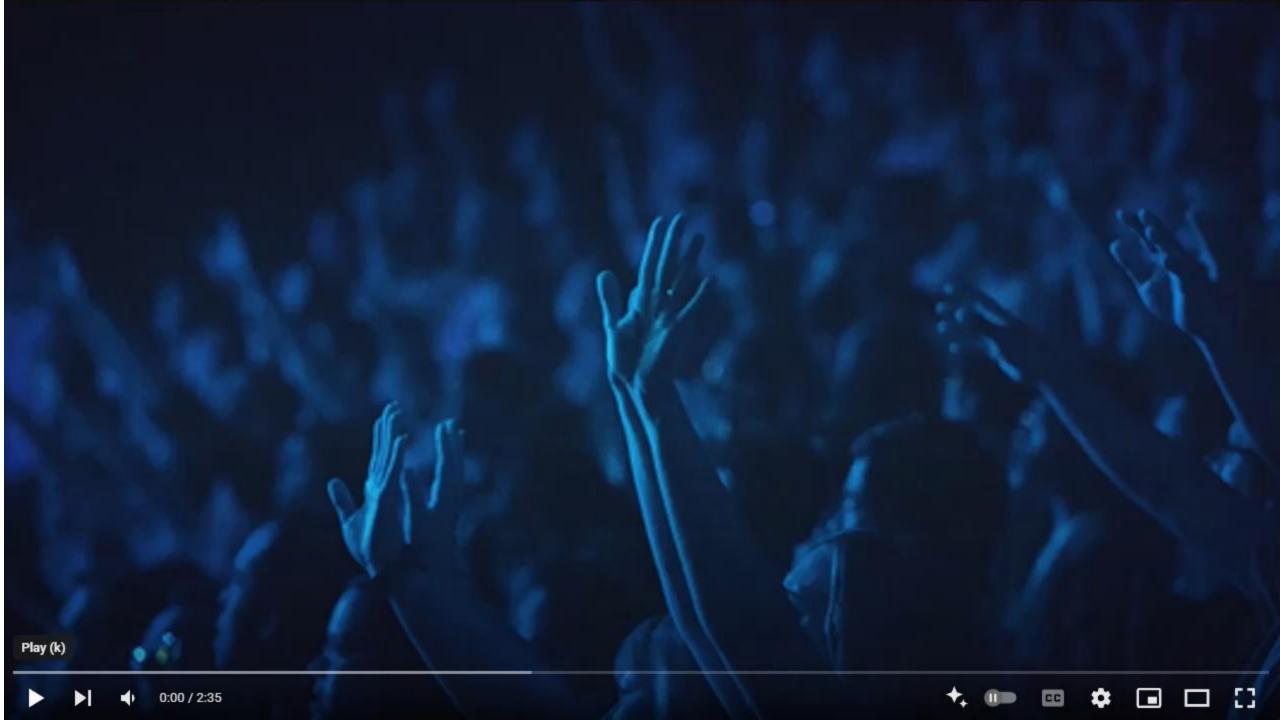
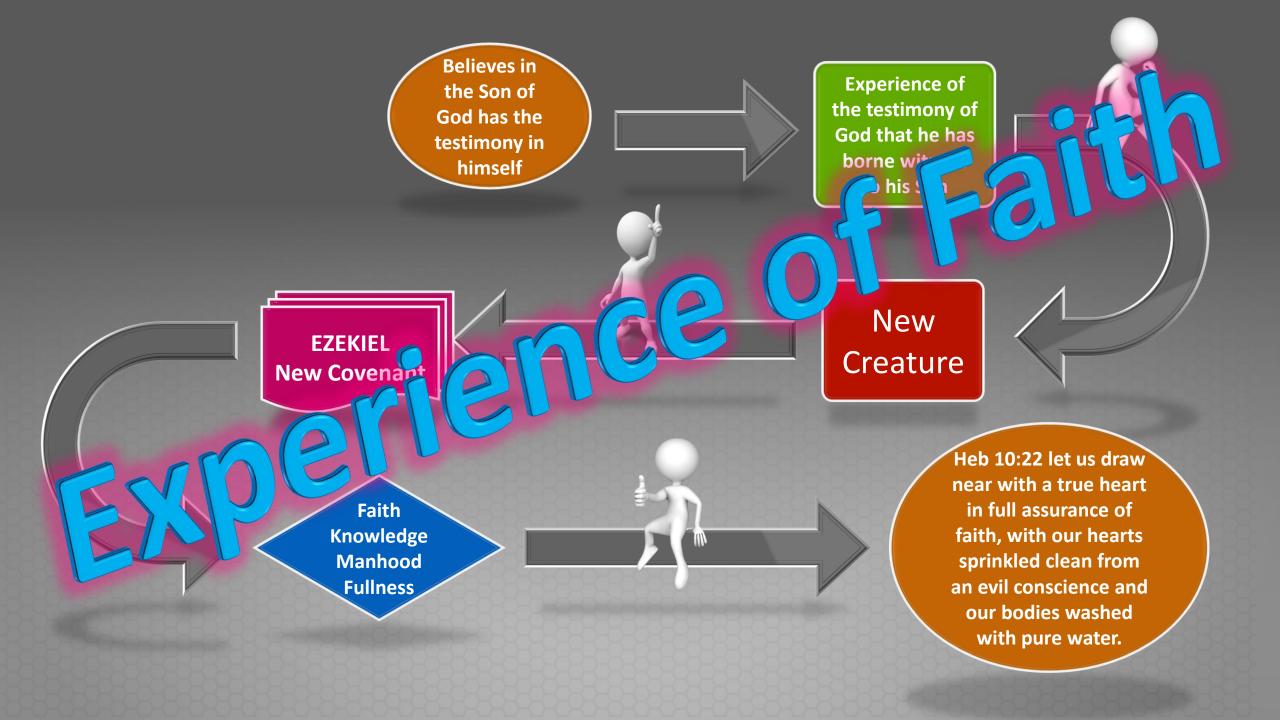


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Beyond Belief: Cultivating Spiritual Growth Through the Experience of Faith

In Series DM Session 7 titled "Experience of Faith," participants are encouraged to deepen their experiential understanding of faith, focusing on spiritual maturity and discernment. The session begins with a prayer for revelation and understanding, setting the stage for a study that aims to bridge theological knowledge with experiential engagement. The main topics include the experiential aspects of faith, personal prayer, and spiritual growth. Scripture references, such as Hebrews 11 and Ephesians, are used to highlight the transformative power of God's grace and its manifestation in believers' lives. Participants are exhorted to cultivate spiritual faculties like discernment and boldness to align their lives with God's will. Practical directives are provided for integrating these spiritual insights into daily life, emphasizing the need for a personal relationship with God through consistent prayer and study. Encouragement is given to recognize and testify to God's grace in everyday moments, seek unity within the faith community, and engage in active co-participation with God's ongoing work. The session concludes with a call to embrace the fullness of God's grace and to yield completely to His transformative power.

These points capture the main themes, topics, concepts, directives, exhortations, and encouragements presented in the DM Session 7.

This structured approach to the session's content provides a comprehensive overview of the theological insights and practical applications discussed, aimed at deepening our faith and understanding.

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Main Themes

- Experiential Faith: The session revolves around understanding faith not just as a belief system but as an
 experiential reality that involves the active engagement of the believer in their relationship with God. The
 focus is on experiencing God's life and grace as a personal reality rather than as mere theological concepts.
- Spiritual Maturity and Growth: Emphasizes the journey of growing in spiritual maturity, which includes developing discernment and deepening one's awareness of God's presence. Participants are encouraged to move beyond basic beliefs and cultivate a deeper experiential knowledge of God.
- 3. **Unity of Faith**: Stresses the importance of unity within the faith community, where believers co-participate in the life of God and support each other through shared spiritual experiences and personal testimonies.
- 4. Discernment and Spiritual Faculties: The development of spiritual faculties such as discernment and spiritual sensitivity is highlighted as essential for recognizing God's guidance, distinguishing His voice from distractions, and making decisions aligned with His will.
- The Transformative Power of God's Grace: God's grace is presented as more than an attribute—it is the essence of God that transforms believers' lives and leads to spiritual self-awareness, growth, and a deeper relationship with Him.

The themes and prayer focuses provide a structured way for us to engage with the spiritual insights from the session and apply them in their personal prayer life.

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Based on the content and themes of the transcript, here are several prayer topics that participants can use to deepen their faith, spiritual discernment, and unity with God and one another. Each theme is followed by key prayer points and a suggested prayer.

1. Theme: Experiencing God's Grace

Key Points:

- Pray for a deeper, more personal experience of God's grace beyond intellectual understanding.
- · Ask for eyes to see and appreciate God's grace in the ordinary moments of daily life.
- Seek to recognize the transformative power of God's grace in every situation.

Suggested Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your grace that is ever-present and sustaining. Open our hearts and minds to truly experience Your grace as the living essence of who You are, not merely as a concept we believe in. Help us to see and recognize Your grace in the small, everyday moments, so that we might be continually transformed by Your love and kindness. May Your grace flow through us, influencing every aspect of our lives and drawing us closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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How so in the context of my Faith?



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Experiential Faith Heb 11



Hebrews Chapter 11, often referred to as the "Hall of Faith," highlights various individuals from the Old Testament who exemplified faith in God despite challenging circumstances. Each person listed demonstrates a distinct aspect of faith through their actions and experiences. Here's a comprehensive understanding of their personal experiences with faith, based on the chapter:

Abel: By faith, Abel offered a more acceptable sacrifice to God than his brother Cain. His faith is demonstrated through the quality of his offering, and his righteousness is attested to by God accepting his gift. Though he was killed by Cain, his faith still speaks as an example of righteousness (Hebrews 11:4).

Enoch: Enoch's faith led to him being taken up by God without experiencing death. This was because he had pleased God, which is only possible through faith. His life testifies to the reality that faith enables one to walk closely with God (Hebrews 11:5-6).

Noah: Being warned about events not yet seen, Noah built an ark to save his family. His obedience and preparation for an unseen future condemned the world and earned him the title of heir of righteousness through faith (Hebrews 11:7).

Abraham: Abraham is considered the father of faith. He obeyed God's call to leave his homeland and go to an unknown place, which he would later receive as his inheritance. His journey symbolizes trust in God's promises. He lived as a sojourner, looking forward to the city with foundations designed and built by God. His faith is further highlighted when he was willing to offer up Isaac, believing that God could raise him from the dead if necessary (Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19).

Sarah: By faith, Sarah received the power to conceive, even when she was past childbearing age. She considered God faithful to His promise, and from her came descendants as numerous as the stars and the grains of sand (Hebrews 11:11-12).

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Jacob: At the end of his life, Jacob blessed each of Joseph's sons, showing faith in God's future for his descendants. He bowed in worship, acknowledging God's promises even as he faced death (Hebrews 11:21).

Joseph: Near the end of his life, Joseph spoke of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. His faith looked beyond his death to God's future deliverance of his people (Hebrews 11:22).

Moses: Moses' faith journey began when his parents hid him after birth, defying the king's edict. Later, Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing to suffer with God's people rather than enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. His faith enabled him to leave Egypt without fear, keep the Passover, and lead the people across the Red Sea (Hebrews 11:23-29).

Rahab: Rahab, a prostitute, is commended for her faith because she welcomed the Israelite spies and helped them escape. Her actions demonstrated her belief in the power and authority of the God of Israel (Hebrews 11:31).

Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets: These figures are mentioned for their acts of faith that led to victories over kingdoms, administration of justice, fulfillment of promises, and triumphs over adversities. They subdued lions, quenched fire, and escaped the sword, demonstrating faith's power to achieve God's purposes despite personal weakness or external opposition (Hebrews 11:32-34).

Unnamed martyrs and persecuted individuals: The chapter concludes by acknowledging others who endured torture, mocking, scourging, chains, imprisonment, and even death. Their faith was shown in their endurance, their refusal to accept deliverance, and their hope in a better resurrection (Hebrews 11:35-38).

In summary, Hebrews 11 celebrates individuals who, through faith, overcame personal and collective trials, remained obedient to God's call, and looked forward to the fulfillment of His promises—even when they didn't receive them in their lifetimes. Their faith is presented as a source of encouragement for believers to persist in faith, trusting in God's ultimate plan and rewards.

Understanding Faith in Hebrews 11



Hebrews 11 begins with a definition of faith:

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1, RSV)(Hebrews Chapter 11 RSV).

This verse captures two essential aspects of faith:

- **1. Assurance of Things Hoped For**: Faith provides a firm foundation for hope, giving believers confidence in the future fulfillment of God's promises.
- 2. Conviction of Things Not Seen: Faith involves being certain of the reality of things that cannot be observed with the physical senses. It is a deep inner conviction that what God has said will come to pass, even if there is no physical evidence.

Personal Experience of Faith in Hebrews 11

Each individual mentioned in Hebrews 11 exemplifies faith through personal experiences that involve obedience, trust, and endurance in the face of uncertainties, challenges, or even death. Here's how faith manifested in their lives:

- 1. Abel: His faith led him to offer a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain. Abel's personal experience of faith was in worship, demonstrating his trust in God's standards and his willingness to give his best to God. Although Abel faced death because of his righteousness, his faith still "speaks" as an example of genuine devotion and commitment (Hebrews 11:4).
- **2. Enoch**: Enoch's life was marked by his close relationship with God. His experience of faith was shown in a life that pleased God, leading to him being taken up without experiencing death. This demonstrates a faith that went beyond obedience to an intimate fellowship with God (Hebrews 11:5).
- **3. Noah**: Noah's faith was expressed through his obedience in building an ark when warned of things not yet seen—a coming flood. His faith involved acting on God's word despite no physical signs of the impending disaster. His experience shows faith as trust in God's instructions and willingness to appear foolish to the world for the sake of obedience (Hebrews 11:7).
- **4. Abraham**: Abraham's faith journey involved leaving his homeland without knowing his destination and living as a stranger in the promised land. His faith was tested further when he was willing to offer up his son Isaac, believing that God could even raise the dead. His experience exemplifies a faith that goes beyond comfort and security, trusting in God's promises against all odds (Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19).
- 5. Sarah: Sarah's faith was shown in her belief that God could give her a child despite her old age. Her experience of faith involved overcoming doubt and trusting in God's ability to do the impossible. She received strength to conceive because she judged God faithful to fulfill His promise (Hebrews 11:11).

- 1. **Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph**: Their faith involved looking forward to future events and promises. Isaac blessed his sons concerning what was to come. Jacob blessed Joseph's sons while worshiping God in his old age. Joseph spoke of the exodus of Israel and gave directions about his bones. Their faith experiences show an unwavering belief in God's plan and promises for future generations, even beyond their own lifetimes (Hebrews 11:20-22).
- **2. Moses**: Moses' faith is seen in his refusal to be identified as Pharaoh's son, choosing instead to suffer with the people of God. His experience of faith involved rejecting the temporary pleasures of sin and the treasures of Egypt, choosing instead the reproach of Christ because he was looking to a future reward. He also showed faith by keeping the Passover and leading Israel through the Red Sea (Hebrews 11:23-29).
- **3. Rahab**: Rahab's faith was shown in her hospitality and protection of the Israelite spies. Her experience of faith involved risking her life by siding with God's people despite her background as a foreigner and a prostitute. Her actions demonstrate faith as aligning oneself with God's purpose, even at great personal risk (Hebrews 11:31).
- **4. Other Heroes of Faith**: The chapter also mentions others like Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets, who through faith accomplished mighty deeds and endured suffering. Their faith experiences include conquering kingdoms, enforcing justice, stopping the mouths of lions, quenching fire, and enduring torture and persecution. These examples show faith's power to achieve the impossible and remain steadfast under suffering (Hebrews 11:32-38).

Common Themes of Faith Experiences

The experiences of the individuals in Hebrews 11 reveal several themes:

- 1. Obedience to God's Word: Faith often required immediate action in response to God's instructions, even when the outcome was uncertain or defied human logic.
- **2. Trust in God's Promises**: Each person believed in God's promises, even when they did not see the fulfillment of those promises during their lifetime.
- **Looking to the Future**: Faith involved a forward-looking perspective, focusing on the eternal and the heavenly, not merely the present or the earthly.
- **4. Endurance through Trials**: Faith provided the strength to endure hardship, suffering, and persecution, always holding onto the hope of God's ultimate deliverance.
- **5. Confidence in the Unseen**: Each person acted with confidence in things not yet seen, whether it was the coming flood, the birth of a promised child, or a future resurrection.

These personal experiences illustrate that faith is not merely intellectual assent but involves a deep trust and reliance on God, leading to concrete actions that reflect that trust. Through their examples, Hebrews 11 encourages believers to hold fast to faith, even when the fulfillment of God's promises seems distant.

Experience of Faith 2

The Concept of Faith in 1 John A Revelatory Experience.

This structured approach to the session's content provides a comprehensive overview of the theological insights and practical applications discussed, aimed at deepening our faith and understanding.

We explores the biblical text of 1 John to understand the nature of faith and knowing God and the idea that knowing God involves more than just intellectual understanding or adherence to doctrines. Knowing God requires a personal, experiential relationship characterized by obedience, the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, recognizing truth, loving others, and the assurance of eternal life. Faith. It is a gift from God and transforms our lives.

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1 John The relationship of 'Faith' to John's use of "knowing'.

In 1 John, the word "know" (Greek: ginōskō) is a key term that emphasizes the certainty of a believer's relationship with God and understanding of truth. John uses this term frequently to affirm various experiences of spiritual assurance and the indwelling presence of God through Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Some of these experiences include:

- Obedience as a Sign of Knowing God: John asserts that keeping God's commandments is evidence of truly knowing Him (1 John 2:3-5) (First John Chapters 1 -...).
- The Indwelling Spirit: The Holy Spirit's presence affirms that believers are in fellowship with God (1 John 3:24; 4:13)(First John Chapters 1
 -...).
- Recognizing Truth: John reassures his readers that they know the truth and can discern between the spirit of truth and deception (1 John 2:20-21; 4:6)(First John Chapters 1 -...).
- Love as Evidence: Genuine love for others is described as a sign of knowing God because "God is love" (1 John 4:7-8)(First John Chapters
 1 -...).
- Assurance of Eternal Life: John writes so that believers may know they have eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ (1 John 5:13)(First John Chapters 1 -...).

Throughout the letter, John emphasizes that knowledge of God is not merely intellectual but is deeply experiential and transformative,

manifesting in a life characterized by love, obedience, and spiritual discernment.

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Faith and Knowledge in 1 John

Exploring the relationship between faith, knowledge, and divine revelation



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Exploring Faith and Knowledge in 1 John

The First Epistle of John presents a profound exploration of faith, knowledge, and the believer's relationship with God. This letter, written by the Apostle John, delves deep into the nature of Christian experience, emphasizing the interconnectedness of faith, love, and obedience. Throughout the epistle, John employs the Greek term "ginōskō" (to know) to convey a rich, multifaceted understanding of spiritual knowledge that transcends mere intellectual assent. This knowledge is rooted in divine revelation and manifests in transformative experiences that shape the believer's life and

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