

Faith v Feeling Motivation

Faith is:

Believing the Word of God and acting upon it no matter how I feel, knowing that God promises a good result

Take some time to ponder what emotions would normally arise when confronted with these real-life situations. List the person, the possible feelings, and the action words that describe how the person responded in faith.

| Hebrews 11:4 Genesis 4:1-8 | Who? | Emotions/Feelings | Actions of Response |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Hebrews 11:7 Genesis 6:5-9:17 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:8 Genesis 12:1-7 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:9 Genesis 23 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:11 Genesis 21:1-8 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:17 Genesis 22 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:24-27 Exodus 2:1-15 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:28 Exodus 11-12 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:29 Exodus 14 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:30 Joshua 6 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:31 Joshua 2 | | | |

These people were motivated, not by their feelings, but by their faith in God and His promises. Write Heb 11:1 and Heb 11:6 and meditate on the definition of faith given on page one.

Hebrews 11:1

Hebrews 11:6

Reread Heb 11 while focusing on the "good reward" God had promised to these people. List the "good rewards" to which they were looking.

Notice that the rewards of faith are eternal in nature. While our feelings last only for a moment, and the rewards for following them is passing, the rewards of faith are everlasting. The promises of God motivated these saints to persevere even when God did not grant the rewards in their lifetime. How did these people fulfill the definition of faith?

Fill in the chart below. Be concrete and specific in your responses. This will help you to apply the principles studied.

| Feeling based actions | Faith based actions God | |
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