

**Eyes on the Prize**  
**Beyond Borders – Part 8**  
Life Church St. Louis – November 19, 2017  
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

*Matthew 17:20 (ESV) He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."*

**1. What is \_\_\_\_\_?**

**A. Faith believes in the \_\_\_\_\_ God**

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

**B. Faith believes in the \_\_\_\_\_ God**

*Hebrews 11:3 (ESV) By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

**2. Faith results in confident \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hebrews 11:4 (ESV) By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.*

**A. Faith always \_\_\_\_\_ God**

*Hebrews 11:5 (ESV) By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.*

**B. Faith believes in God's \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

**3. Faith reaches into \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hebrews 11:39 (ESV) And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,*

**A. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ us in life's race**

*Hebrews 12:1 (ESV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*

**B. Faith fixes our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hebrews 12:2 (ESV) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Action Plan for This Week**

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Eyes on the Prize Study Guide**  
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Intro. What is wrong with the opinion that if you are sincere in what you believe, then God will accept that sincere faith?

Why is the object of our faith so important?

According to Jesus, what is the result of faith (Matthew 17:20)? Where does the power to move a mountain come from?

- 1A. Define faith in your own words based on Hebrew 11:1.
- 1B. Why is a proper understanding of creation essential to faith (Hebrews 11:3)?
- 1C. What is wrong with the teaching that Christians can create things with our words, just as God did in creation?
- 1D. What is the connection between faith in and a relationship with God?
- 2A. What was wrong with Cain's sacrifice and right with Abel's sacrifice [it's not the type of sacrifice] (Hebrews 11:4, Genesis 4:1-7)?

- 2B. How did Enoch please God (Hebrews 11:5, Genesis 5:22-24, Jude 1:14-15)?
- 2C. According to Hebrews 11:6, what are the requirements to draw near to God?
- 2D. How does God reward those who seek Him?
- 3A. How can faith operate beyond a believer's life span (Hebrews 11:13-16, 39-40)?
- 3B. In what ways can the cloud of witnesses in Hebrews 11 motivate us today in following Jesus (Hebrews 12:1)?
- 3C. How is Jesus both our example and the goal of our race (Hebrews 12:2)?
- 3D. What joys are set before us that motivate us to endure suffering for Jesus?
- 3E. How can this passage help you grow in faith as a witness for Jesus?