**Increase Our Faith: Faith is the Victory - Hebrews 11:3-13** 7-17-22p

**Introduction**

 Series

 A dilemma - with faith it doesn’t work out

**I. Faith**

 1. These are our heroes

 Examples - flesh out our goal and direction

 2. Trust

 Buy-in

 Commitment

 All in - what’s required

 3. People of faith

 -way we operate

 -gospel - drop seeds by faith

 -obey Bible laws by faith

 4. A “tradition” of faith

 -the thing that binds these folk together

 -women, men, young, old , important and small

 5. “Kept the faith”

 Run the race

 Finished the course

 Kept the faith

**II. Believe in Him, even When Others do Not**

 1. Not like us

 A Dark/ broken world

 -ideas differ

 -recreations differ

 -direction and goals differ

 2. Wide way (lots) and a narrow way (few)

 -two ways - 2 lifestyles

 -narrow way then would be unpopular

 !!). includes two ends

 3. He often chooses not to be seen

 -could... write it in the clouds

 -not sure why

 -but -it tests our unbelief

 4. Example - dark days of Nazi Germany

 Do you still believe in God?

 Do you still believe in man?

 5. Every now and then the curtain is pulled back

 2 Kings 6 - Angels all around

**III. Believe His Way is Best**

 1. Way of love/ compassion/ truth/ giving/ forgiveness

 2. Don’t envy the inner (or his ways) - Proverbs 23:17-18

 3. Stephen’s death -end

 4. In the end

**The Way Things “Fall Out” - Phil. 1:12**

 **-He works all things together for good**