

**Introduction**

2022 Series

Scripture 1-4 - “wait for it”

**I. Walk by Faith**

1. What is faith?
  - belief?
  - conviction?
  - Science = faith is not necessary
2. Hebrews 11
  - definition
3. Inside/ outside
  - have in here affects all out here
  - your character = who you REALLY are
4. Invisible/ visible
  - cannot see “faith”
  - cannot put finger on it
  - CAN see what it does
  - Joy -or not
  - Happiness - or not
  - Peace - or not
5. Sigmund Freud - father of modern psychology
  - subconscious
  - Id, ego, psyche - inside and invisible but we believe
6. Value of church life
  - =most important aspects of life
  - motive to keep on
  - strength to try again
  - hope - like an invisible carrot
  - Habit? - yes and no
  - Law? - yes and no
  - Really believe
7. Ex - He really believed
  - hunter who broke both ankles
  - what we do is really important
  - a reason to keep at it
  - a reason to do right
8. The wilderness walk
  - God shows up at the Red Sea
  - provides water
  - provides food - manna
  - provides fiery cloud - night
  - provides cloud to lead - day
  - so they don't get lost - or feel lost

9. Walking to the promised land... but ...Walked with God  
-a relationship

## **II. Roll Call of the Faithful**

1. Hebrews 11
  - a long list of those who were “faithful” - they walked by faith
  - Abraham - Father of Jews to promise of a Son
  - Rahab - the Gentile harlot - promise to be spared
  - Lived their lives by faith
  - Some escaped trials - some endured trials read...two types
  - Heb. 11:30-31 - walls fell
  - Heb. 11:35-39 - tortured
  - All demonstrated by their actions or fruit or works
  - That they had faith
  - Faith is inside but you can see it on the outside
2. We, too, need faith
  - relevant
  - to obey
  - to endure, persist and press on
  - to see the unseen
3. Requires faith
  - to tithe
  - to pray
  - to witness
  - to keep on ...not quit
  - “keep the faith” - means he didn’t quit
4. “Increase our faith” - Luke 17:5
  - they got it
  - A. Requires faith
  - B. They didn’t have enough
  - Lord... in 2022 increase our faith
    - to persist
    - to obey
    - to follow Him wherever
5. It’s not just in spiritual life...
  - !!). Life itself requires faith:
    - in medicine - pharmacist or a dentist
    - in planting
      - building a huge multi-million dollar structure - why?
      - someone’s “vision”
    - in relationships
      - faith in one another
      - let down = let down in trust

**Segue...** so faith to...

### **III. Believe**

1. Believe He is the Christ
    - and... that all the book is true
    - and... not just was true (past)
    - is true now
  2. Trust
    - having seen manna yesterday
    - God will take care of you
    - you've experienced what God can do
  3. Persist
    - when the sun goes down I don't quit believing in the sun
    - ex - in fact it's the hope of another sunrise that keeps us pushing ahead
    - do you believe in the sun?
    - ex -it's winter, but spring time is coming
    - required of a steward to be faithful
- Segue** - Believe, Trust and Persist
4. "Walk"
    - faith is not just something we do - it's the way we live
    - ex - Subject was dieting - "all or nothing" mindset - saint/ sinner syndrome
    - it's the way we walk - we believe
      - A. His person
      - B. His principles

### **IV. Trust in the Lord**

1. For 2022
2. The just shall live by faith
  - how do we take that?
  - come to life?
  - live our lives?Both... the just shall live that way
3. Walk with God
  - that I may know HimPaul's goal