



by faith

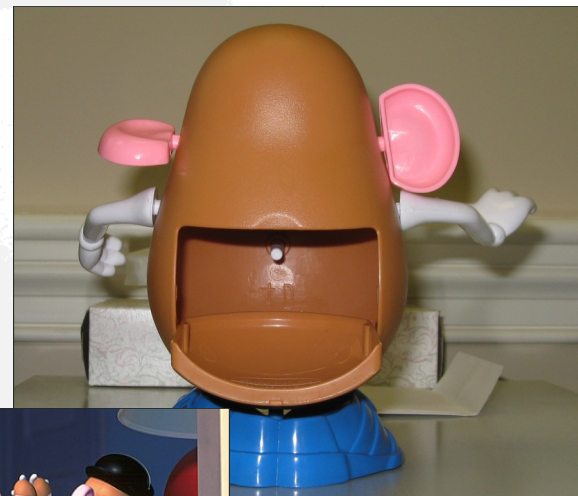


not by sight

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In one of my favorite parts of the Toy Story series Mrs. Potato helps her "spud" prepare for the mission to save Woody by packing his

angry eyes. Of course when the big moment comes for him to use the eyes he reaches back and pulls out his spare set of shoes! He charges the enemy... and keeps charging right on by!

As we set out on mission I wonder if we are prepared. Do we even know how to handle ourselves if problems arise or are we just grasping for whatever "truth" we can reach (running around with shoes for eyes)? Worse, I wonder if we have even packed—are we striving off empty?

Of course I am not talking about Mr. Potato Head, we do not have to search for our angry eyes, but I am talking about faith. As we journey to Pennsylvania—as we journey through life—is our faith strong enough to survive? Do we believe the promises of God enough to take action... or are we empty?

What is Faith?
Believing in the promises of God so strongly that you act on them!

Check out Hebrews 11 on the next page!



hebrews 11

¹ Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.


³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. ⁴⁰ God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.



We often do strange things. Take the new CFL light bulb. It has been touted as not only energy saving, but with global warming, it has been deemed world changing! Yet CFL's contain mercury. Which means cleaning up broken bulbs requires pages of explanation by the EPA (randomly it specifically states "DO NOT allow children to help..." under thermometers!). It also means you can not throw the bulb away; instead, you should take them to special recycling centers... So our world saving product is also destructive!

A photograph showing a broken compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb. The bulb is shattered, with a large, dark, metallic-looking fragment lying on a white surface. The rest of the bulb is broken into smaller pieces, some of which are visible in the background. The image is used to illustrate the potential hazard of mercury in CFLs.

When humans try to do things on our own terms we can get a part of it right. But we also build destruction. Take a look at the story of Cain and Abel ([Genesis 4:2-10](#)). They both brought gifts to God; yet, Cain held back the best for himself. He tried to both serve God and himself, but the end was destruction.



On a more positive note, soon we will have LED light bulbs and no longer worry about mercury the neurotoxin! Of course the price will have to come down... the pictured bulb costs \$60!

- ❑ After reading Genesis 4:2-10, why was Cain's offering less than Abel's gift?...
- ❑ Of course we do not bring animals or wheat to sacrifice, but what offerings do we bring to God?...
- ❑ Specifically, what have you given to God?...

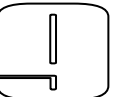
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I can get angry at the repair people for not cleaning up their work, but I do the same thing. Rather than put the dish up or file the paperwork I just leave it sitting out, which only leads to a bigger mess and an angry Megan! In our lives we often hang on to the mess. God convicts us of sin; we feel bad, promise to change, and then go right back into the mess to sin again! We need to change, and get ride of the temptations. Check out the story of Abraham, when God called him to leave his home behind. He threw out the temptation to remain the same and followed! Check out [Genesis 12:1-7](#).



- ❑ Literally, what do you not clean up? Does this drive your parents crazy? Is it hard to keep things clean?
- ❑ Figuratively, what are the messes in your life (or temptations, what causes you to sin)?...
- ❑ Abraham moved across the land, but why is hard for us to change and follow Jesus?...

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A decorative garden pond with a black plastic liner. It features a multi-tiered waterfall structure made of black plastic, with water cascading down into the pond. The pond is surrounded by a border of large, flat, light-colored stones. The background shows some greenery and a small tree.

In the book Prince Caspian, more so than the movie, Lucy is able to see Aslan when the others can not. Yet she does not chase after Him, choosing to remain with her sister and brothers. This leads to part of the story's tragic events. Which is exactly what we often do, trust ourselves and others over the path God desires. We think we are making wise decision; but instead, we choose the path of destruction...

"If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return." ~ Hebrews 11:15

- ❑ Of course you have never died because of a decision you made—since you are reading this—but when has one of your decisions created problems in your life?...
- ❑ When have you followed friends over Jesus?... Why is easier to follow them, than Jesus?...

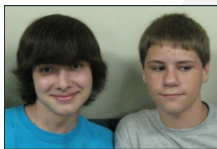
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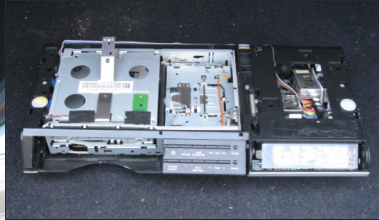
On one of Ivy's favorite CDs is a song about tractors harvesting the wheat, carriages going to the ball, and backhoes digging dirt. Then halfway through the song the backup singer interrupts and asks if he can give the song a try. So he starts singing but mixes up all the lines, rockets are now harvesting the wheat (think how fast they would get the job done), a fire truck is going to the ball (in case the drapes catch on fire), and the backhoe is shooting to the moon! This line upsets the lead singer and there is argument about the mixed up lyrics. "Backhoes don't go to the moon!" "Well sure they do, where do you think craters come from?" "But that is not right at all, craters come from meteorites!"

The world is often turned upside down and a NASA man must have heard the song because a backhoe (the Phoenix) just landed on Mars! It's mission is to dig up the polar ice caps to aid the work of meteors... seriously, it will search for signs of life.

Jacob, whose name means “he deceives”, proved he deserved the name. He tricked his brother out of his inheritance ([Genesis 25:29-34](#)), then deceived his father into blessing him... but in the end he chooses to worship God ([Genesis 47:31](#)). For this choice his past is forgotten and he is included. (Random: Jacob, “he deceives”, has been the most popular boy name for over 10 years!)



- ❑ So many of us have reputation like Jacob. Some good and some bad. Why do we often do what others expect rather than something more?...
- ❑ We have all done terrible things. What are some you have done (no need to write them)? What does it mean that Jesus will forgive our past and allow us a new future?



Soldiers again trust the suspicious in the story of Rahab (both the spies and the guards of Jericho). This time it is not a couple ministers with a “bomb”, but a prostitute ([Joshua 2:1-21](#); [6:22-25](#)). Her lifestyle is terrible, not only in the eyes of God, but in all of society there are few lower. Still, when given the opportunity she places her faith in God. She risks everything and because of that she was remembered. But more, because of her trust from her lineage came Jesus—check out [Matthew 1:5](#)! No matter what has come before, God will bless the one who trusts Him. A blessing greater and farther reaching than we can imagine!

- ❑ Why did the soldiers trust Rahab? (both the spies and the city guards)?... Do people trust you?...
- ❑ Rahab took a big risk. Do you trust God enough to risk everything?
- ❑ God used Rahab to save the people and through her created Jesus! We have already looked at our past, but how does it make you feel to know God forgives and He will use you to do GREAT things?



As a little boy I always dreamed of adventures. I would become the knight to fight the dragon or the pilot blazing across the sky or the Jedi with a glowing light saber... I assumed my life would be an epic tale, something for people to discuss as they ate s'mores

Evil is bold. It is on every television show and news broadcast, but it is not the only force at work. The force of good is marching to battle. Of course it is not as bold or attention grabbing (which makes sense that evil would seek fame, while good is meek). And it is this march which we must join. But to step in line we must have faith. We must believe the life of Christ has and will change the world. We must believe if we live like Him evil will be overcome. We can not hold on to this life, but must fully give ourselves to the cause. In this we will find the epic life of faith.

- ❑ When you were little what were your dreams? Do you still think those dreams are possible?...
- ❑ What are some of the problems facing the world? How can they be fixed?...
- ❑ What would change in your life if you followed the path of Jesus?... How would that impact the world?

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We walk by

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2 Corinthians 5:7

In Prince Caspian when Lucy comes to Aslan there is this realization if she had come when she first saw Him things would be different. Instead she had stayed with the group and they were defeated in battle...

Though our daily life appears ordinary and our actions seem insignificant we are involved in the epic struggle. If we have faith, if we believe enough in His promises to take action, we will find we have made a great difference. Our sight tells us our actions are not a big deal, when we grow up we can worry about following Jesus. But if we walk by faith we will find the battle is raging and we are the ones called to change the world. We are the ones called to be heroes! And if we are faithful we will join those listed in Hebrews—commended by God!