

FAITH

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” —Heb.11:1

“By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
—Eph.2:8-10

Some questions you might consider while reading:

- What is faith?
- Can we have faith and still have doubts?
- What is it that creates & causes faith?
- Do you see any patterns while reading these stories?
- Can you relate to any of these stories or parts of them, if so how?
- What do these stories reveal to you about the heart of God
- What do they reveal to you about our human hearts—your own heart?

Witnesses of the Christmas Story

Day 1—Zechariah & Elizabeth’s Journey of Faith

Read Luke 1:5-25 & 57-80

Day 2—Mary’s Journey of Faith

Read Luke 1:26-38

Day 3— The Joy of Journeying in Faith *Together*

(The joy we can experience in our journeys of faith when we walk through them with each other rather than all alone.)

Read Luke 1:35-58

Day 4— Joseph’s Faith Journey

Read Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 2:1-7

Matthew 2:13-23

Day 5— The Shepherds’ Faith Journeys

Read Luke 2:8-20

Day 6— The Wisemen’s Faith Journeys

Read Matthew 2:1-12

Day 7—Your Faith Journey

Take some time to reflect on your own faith journey—to remember the story God is working in and through you.

What do you most long for in the midst of your journey?

What do you think God most longs for?

In our faith journeys, why do you think we seem to only get a taste of the promise and then we are stretched into more trust, doubt, and uncertainty—what is God up to?

Read Heb. 11, especially 39-40 What do you think the “something better” is that God has planned for us? Do you think the “something better” has already happened, is happening, will happen, or maybe all of the above?

Read Galatians 2:20 for a deeper word study of this verse visit here:

<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/galatians/2-20.htm>

How is Christ born/revealed in us?

Take a moment to thank God for your faith journey!

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”—1 Cor. 13:13