



## ***Faith Works Through Love***

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### **Sermon Notes**

#### **Faith is Critical**

##### **Hebrews 11:3-6 (NIV)**

3By 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. 4By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

5By 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. 6And 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.

#### **Biblical Faith Defined**

##### **Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)**

1Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses

- **Faith is the process of taking spiritual action based on God's Word to bring the promises of God to pass.**

#### **James 2:20-26 (NKJV) – Faith Without Works is Dead**

#### **Ever Increasing Faith**

- **Saturation in the Word**
- **Romans 10:17 (NKJ)**

17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

## **Operating Faith**

- **Faith works through Love**

- **Galatians 5:6b (AMP)**

6For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love.

## **God Kind of Faith and God Kind of Love**

- **The God kind of faith moves mountains**

- **Mark 11:22-25(NKJ)**

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. 25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

- **The God kind of Love goes through mountains**

- **John 15:12-14(NKJ)**

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

## **Love in Action**

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a(AMP)**

4Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

5It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

6It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

7Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

8Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].

## **God Loves Me!**