

## Gotta Have Faith

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3

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Message:

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith or ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God. So that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.*

*Hebrews 11:1-3*

If you are anything like me you might have had a hard time reading this passage without hearing....

Cause I gotta have faith  
I gotta have faith  
Because I gotta have faith, faith, faith  
I got to have faith, faith, faith

The words to "Faith" by George Michael might ring in my ears, but it's safe to say we mean very different things when we reference faith.

What is faith? Paul tells us faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen.

The assurance of things hoped for, now another song comes to mind.... "Blessed Assurance."

Assurance is a positive declaration intended to give confidence, a promise. God, our creator, the creator of all things, loves us, cares for us, and died for us. Is that not the greatest promise?

Notice that Paul further describes faith as the conviction of things unseen.

Conviction a firmly held belief. It's not an old adage to be tossed about lightly. Faith is the conviction that guides my steps so that I may honor the creator who promises to give me life eternal.

Faith is what gives me confidence when the world around me is in chaos.

Faith is the peace I feel in the midst of grief.

Faith is what challenges me to love and serve the world around me.

George Michael may have a different understanding of faith, but he's right. We do "gotta have faith." We "gotta have faith" that leads to understanding. Even though I don't see Him, I know He is in control. He is at work. He is.

Prayer:

Sweet Jesus, today I thank you for words of scripture and sounds of music that have given us the assurance of your love, presence, and promises. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

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