

Faith and Common Sense  
Jeremiah 42:7-43:7

Review:

1. God's promises are superior to any of the security or material blessings the world offers
2. In spite of our fears, we are called to trust God's Word, even when it doesn't make sense to us
3. Because Jesus will return to judge the world, it actually does make sense to trust in Him today

Reflect:

1. What worldly things tempt you to place your trust in them? Have any of those things or feelings or relationships let you down? How did you react to that disappointment?
2. How has Jesus blessed you or protected you in a n unexpected or improbable way? How has such providence fueled your faith?

Go Further: Read Hebrews 11:1-19

1. In what two ways does the author define faith in verse 1?
2. According to verse 2, what did the men of old gain by exercising their faith in God?
3. According to verse 3, what do we use our faith to understand? Why does such belief require faith?
4. According to verse 6, what is it impossible to do without faith?
5. What two things are required of someone who comes to God?
6. According to verse 7, what did God warn Noah about? What did Noah do in reverence for God?
7. What were the three results of Noah's faithfulness?
8. According to verse 8, how did Abraham respond when God called him? Why did this require faith? (see also Genesis 12:1-4)
9. According to verse 9, how was Abraham's faith tested once he reached the Promised Land? (see also Genesis 12:6-7)
10. According to verse 10, what was Abraham's true goal?
11. According to verse 11, why did Sarah have to exercise faith? (see also Genesis 18:9-14)
12. What was the result of Abraham's and Sarah's faith according to verse 12? (see also Genesis 15:1-6)
13. Why does verse 13 insist that everyone mentioned in the previous verses died in faith?
14. What does verse 13 say that faithful people confess?
15. According to verse 15, what are faithful people not thinking about or interested in?
16. According to verse 16, what do the faithful really desire? What has God prepared for them?
17. According to verse 17, how was Abraham's faith tested? (see also Genesis 22:1-2)
18. According to verse 19, why was Abraham willing to make such a sacrifice? How did this display his faith?

Summary and Application:

1. In what part of your life is it hardest for you to have faith in God? Do you find it harder to trust in God's power or God's truthfulness?
2. How is God calling you to exercise your faith in Him today? Is this difficult for you? Why?