

## Hebrews 11 #3 “Living Transcendently”

### Outline of the Faith Chapter:

- Hebrews 11:1,6** Description of the life of Faith  
**Hebrews 11:2-38** Illustrations of the life of Faith  
**Hebrews 11:39-12:1** Exhortation of the life of Faith  
**Hebrews 12:2-4** Our Supreme Example of the life of Faith

**Hebrews 11:1** *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. NKJV*

### **Hebrews 11:1 An Expanded Paraphrase**

1) Faith is the living out as present reality those things that are unseen assurances; being confidently assured of the things that are invisible to the point of influencing the choices and actions in the now of our lives. That is to say that the eternal / invisible realities that now are and are to come have greater influence on how we live in this present age than do the fears, cares and pressures of this earthly realm. This causes us to transcend a mere natural existence and give evidence of the eternal-invisible alive in us. This is what we would call “living transcendently” or living a life of faith.

**Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. NKJV*

6) Without living out as present reality the unseen assurances of the invisible realm it is impossible to be pleasing to the only eternal-invisible God. This is because anyone coming into relationship with Him must believe that He is “Eternal Reality” and that He is the “Eternal Rewarder” of those that diligently seek Him while in this earthly realm.

**Definition:** To live transcendently is to live above the fray of the cares and desires of this earthly life by being captivated by the eternal and unseen (by natural eyes) realities of our eternal existence with our Maker and Father. To diligently seek to know Him through His Son and to live in this fallen earthly realm with our hearts firmly fixed on pursuit of eternal things. Transcendent living is the life of faith and the life of faith is to live transcendently.

**Definition:** The Personal Diligent Pursuit of the Eternal Faithful Rewarder with a consistent view towards the Prepared Heavenly Assurances that cause us to transcend overt persecution as well as the mere earthly tendencies our own soulish/selfish existence in this present fallen age.

**Definition:** To walk the walk of faith is to engage in a diligent personal lifestyle pursuit of the knowledge of God that becomes a **focused** gaze (the one thing) and through that communion to have such a love of the truth that we become **fastened** on eternal realities with such living assurances in our understanding (living hope) that we are not moved when things around us that are not eternal are shaken.

**Quote:** A focused gaze on the Person of God with a fastened assurance on the promises of God equals a fixed righteous life in God in this present age.

### **Noah** (Gen 6:1-18)

**Hebrews 11:7** *By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*

### By Faith He: Obedyed the Incredible!

#### a. **The Invisible (not before seen) Nature of the Incredible!**

- There hadn't been rain before Gen 2:6
- The pre-diluvium world Gen 8:22
- vegetarians without boats Gen 9:3
- The collapse of the water canopy
- meat eaters and the post-diluvium world

#### b. **The Incredible Nature of Noah's Obedience!**

- Revelation
- Response
- Redemption
- Reflection

- Retribution (1 Pet 3:20)
- Righteousness
- Resurrection