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Sermon Notes for January 29, 2023

“Being Sure in Times of Uncertainty”

Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:1-6 (p. 1283); Old Testament Text: Psalm 125:1-5 (p. 657); Gospel Text: Luke 17:5-6 (p. 1114)

Read **Hebrews 11:1-6 (p. 1283)** while listening to the sermon, then, answer the questions below.

1. Read **Hebrews 11:1 (p. 1283)**. How does faith enable us to have *the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen?* (Remember the things Pastor Dave mentioned that become realities to those who truly have faith in Jesus.)

2. Read this passage from the New International Version from **John 3:31-33**: *The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. ³³ Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.* Now, answer the questions below.
To whom is John the Baptist referring when He says, *“The one who comes from above is above all?”*

To whom is John the Baptist referring when He says, *“The one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth?”*

Did John really mean in v. 32, *“No one accepts his testimony?”*

What did John the Baptist mean by *Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful?*

3. Read **Hebrews 11:2 (p. 1283)**. The people of the Old Testament didn't live to see many of God's promises fulfilled, and yet they were still commended by God for their faith. How was that possible?

4. Read **Hebrews 11:3 (p. 1283)**. How does this verse help us to see that we can believe in science and still believe that God created the universe?

5. Read **Hebrews 11:4 (p. 1283)**. How did Abel's faith help him to please God with his offering and how did Cain's lack of faith cause God to be displeased by his offering?

6. Read **Hebrews 11:5 (p. 1283)**. Who was Enoch and what did God do for him because of his strong faith?

7. Read **Hebrews 11:6 (p. 1283)**. What two things must our faith convince us of in order to please God?

8. What was Pastor Dave's simple definition of faith?

9. Is it possible to "believe in" God and still not please Him? Explain.

10. What will you remember most from this message?