

Date – Aug. 02, 2009 Sunday a.m. Mark Burgess

Title: The Must Haves of Faith

Text: Hebrews 11

What is a secular view of the word ‘Faith?’

The _____ or world’s view of faith is not a _____ and honoring faith.

God has not called us to get our cue on Faith from the worldly mindset that would not honor Him. Rather He desires us to get our cues on Faith from _____, His _____, His _____, and from those Great Stories of Faith recorded in His Word. He also wants you to experience your own _____! _____!

A sound scriptural definition from _____ calls faith “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Webster defines faith as 1) belief, trust, or loyalty to God; 2) firm belief in something for which there is no proof; 3) complete trust.

A Faith Acronym:

FAITH – F _____ A _____ I T H _____

I _____ . It is more than just “I” but it is “_____”

Yes, you and I, “we” **must have faith**. But, what _____ ?

I. Our Faith – Must have a _____ – Hebrews 11, “By faith ……”

- A. The “Hall of Faith” Hebrews 11
- B. God’s provision of _____
- C. God’s provision of a word of ‘hope’
- D. God’s provision for _____
- E. God’s provision in time of _____ Psalm 37
- F. God’s provision and continuity – Hebrews 13:8
- G. Recall those stories of faith, where God came through. Share them.

II. Our Faith – Must have _____ – 1 Corinthians 13:1 – 7, 13.

- A. Without Love, I am nothing! V. 1-3 Faith, without love, is nothing
- B. What is Love? V. 4 - 7
- C. Love _____, _____, _____! v.7 Love never fails. v. 8
- D. 3 will remain – faith, hope, and love. But Love is greatest. V. 13.
- E. Faith requires love at all times, not only to those who love us but...
also to those _____! Romans 12:9 - 21
- F. How are you known? Are you part of the _____ crew or the
_____ crew? Are you an _____ or _____?
- G. Be a Faith _____ not a Faith _____!

III. Our Faith – Must be _____ – James 1: 2-4, 12

- A. Song Lyrics – “Living By Faith”
- B. V. 2 – We are to consider it _____ when we face testing and trials!
Are you experiencing circumstances that seem to be testing
your faith? If you are, James reminds us to count it as joy!
- C. V. 3 – The testing of our faith helps build _____.
Perseverance – Definition: To persist in a state, enterprise, or
undertaking in spite of counter influences, opposition, or dis-
couragement.
- D. V. 4 – Perseverance is required to attain _____ and completeness
in our faith!
- E. V. 12 – Why persevere? Because there awaits a _____!
- F. To be tested requires _____ on our part – James 3: 14 – 18
- G. Faith without action is _____! Remedy – Engage your Faith!

Review: Our Faith must have A Story
Our Faith must have Love
Our Faith must be Tested

Conclusion: What’s your Story?