



# CALVARY CHAPEL

## Authentic Faith

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*Hebrews 11:1* Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

- Faith is complete trust or confidence in someone or something.
- Biblical faith is believing that God is who He says He is and will accomplish everything that He has promised to do.
- Changing how we believe is easier than changing our lifestyle.
- **Convenience faith:** A faith that is rooted in convenience rather than truth.
- Circumstantial faith allows circumstances to define God.
- 1. Unexplainable tragedy: some tragedy that does not fit the character of God or the Christian faith, as one believes or understands it to be.

*2 Corinthians 5:7* For we live by faith, not by sight.

- Authentic faith is believing that God is who He says He is and will accomplish everything that He has promised to do.
- Never let our ever-changing circumstances define God.
- The confusion of faith lies in our unwillingness to accept God for who He is rather than who we want Him to be.

*Romans 10:17 (NKJV)* So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- The amount of faith we have in God will determine the amount of peace we have in life.
- Our character grows more in dealing with disappointments in life than it does in getting what we want.
- He has promised to love us ([Jer. 31:3](#), [John 3:16](#)), never leave us or forsake us ([Heb.13:5-6](#)), to finish the work He started in us ([Phil. 1:6](#)), and to work all things out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose ([Rom. 8:28](#)). He has promised to forgive us of all of our sins ([1 John 1:9](#)) and promised us eternal life ([John 3:16](#)).
- Authentic Faith obeys God because it believes God is who He says He is and will accomplish everything that He has promised to do!
- Nothing says we trust God more than obedience.

*Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

- **St. Augustine:** “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

*Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 10:9-13 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. **11** As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” **12** For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, **13** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

- Call or text **YES** to 321.574.6970 if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation.