

# Faith As Our Hebrews 11:3 FOUNDATION

**Big Idea: At the foundation of Creation is faith.**

## 1.) Creation **EXISTS** by the principle of faith.

### -- v. 1 – Faith means living today on the basis of things unseen.

-- Creation exists on this same principle—it is a present reality consisting entirely of unseen things.

-- Matter is made up of nothing visible. There is only immense energy at the core of all life.

-- The Bible tells us that this colossal invisible energy at the core of all of life is God and the power of His Word.

-- Genesis 1:3, Hebrews 11:3, Colossians 1:16-17, Acts 17:27

-- Einstein's Famous Equation,  $E=mc^2$ , highlights the immensity of invisible energy contained in any visible mass.

### -- Creation, then, is one humongous illustration of what God's **UNSEEN** power can accomplish.

-- The immensity of the energy at the core of existence ought to bolster in us the *"assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen."*

## 2.) Creation can only be **UNDERSTOOD** by the principle of faith.

### -- v. 3 – "understand" – It literally means standing under something.

-- The fact that God created the universe is an obvious reality to those willing to "stand under" God.

- A "me-first" mentality misunderstands the origin of life, not by evidence, but by choice.
- Without faith as our foundation, we cannot have understanding about this universe in which we live.

## 2.) Creation can only be understood by the principle of faith.

- Q: How did life begin in the first place?
- A: Whatever answer anyone gives will inevitably be an exercise in **FAITH**
  - Naturalists and evolutionists place their faith in primordial soup, crystals, in alien DNA, etc.
  - The wise man places his faith in the Author of faith—the Almighty Creator, our God in Heaven.
- Creation can only be understood by faith because inspiring faith in His creatures is why God created the universe in the first place.
- In and through Creation, God is constantly calling us to witness what He is able to do with things that we cannot see (Psalm 19:1-4).

## 3.) Living by faith is the only **REASONABLE** way to live...

### a.) ...because faith is the one and only road to approval from God.

- v. 2 – *"For by it the people of old received their commendation."*
- If the greatest saints and patriarchs of old are commended by God only on the basis of faith, then we should not expect our approval to come by any other means.

### b.) ...because according to faith, God does infinitely amazing things.

- v. 2 – Look what God can accomplish in weak and wounded people who operate out of faith.
- v. 3 – Creation itself is an illustration of the limitless power of God's Word that is received by faith.
- As we look upon **CREATION** we are constantly observing the validity and power of faith.