

**Aveleigh's PALM SUNDAY 2017**  
Your Year of Worship  
Series, THE BIBLE'S GREATEST WORDS  
Sermon, **WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE FAITH IN JESUS**  
Texts, Mat. 21: 1-11 p. 1059 & Heb. 11:1-11 p. 1296

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Heb. 11:1-6 NIV

## **1. FAITH: "F" STANDS FOR FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE.**

*"You will be blessed whenever you follow My example."* John 13:17 (GW)

*"All who listen to My instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock."* Matt. 7:24 (LB)

## **2. "A" STANDS FOR ACCEPT CHRIST'S GRACE**

*"Those who accept God's full grace and the great gift of being made right with Him will surely have true life and rule through Jesus Christ."* Rom. 5:17 (NCV)

*"Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in."* Mark 10:15 (Mes.)

## **3. "I" INVEST YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM**

*"To those who use well and invest what they've been given by God even more will be given to them. But for those who are unfaithful with what they've been given, even what little they have will be taken from them."* Matt. 25:14-29 (NLT)

Success \_\_\_\_\_ Survival \_\_\_\_\_ & The life of Significance

**4. “T” STANDS FOR TRUST IN CHRIST ALWAYS** *“Just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust Him for each day’s problems too; live in vital union with Him.” Col. 2:6 (LB)*

*“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Rom. 8:28 (NIV)*

*“I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.” Phil. 4:13 (TEV)*

**5. “H”STANDS FOR HOLD ON TO GOD’S PROMISES**

*“God can’t break His word. So we who have trusted our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go!” Heb. 6:18 (Msg)*

*“Nothing will ever be able to separate us from His love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels can’t, and demons can’t. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can’t keep God’s love away. Whether we’re high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom. 8:38-39 (NLT)*

**CONCLUSION** *“Jesus said, ‘I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in Me, even though he dies shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in Me and shall never perish.’” John 11:25-26 (LB)*

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, you rule in majesty, yet serve in humility, and we do not understand the connection. In Jerusalem, people hailed you for your deeds of power but abandoned you when you would not strike down those who struck you. Now we see your humble weakness has proven more powerful than the deadly force of your enemies. Show us what this means that FAITH for our lives. Faith we live in the marketplace, on the playground, in our homes, our schools and our offices. Create in us the desire to serve rather than to control. Give us the patience and serenity to overcome evil with good, rather than conforming ourselves to the evil methods of those whose purposes we claim to despise. Help us honor you the way you have honored us, by FAITH. Amen.

**FOUR FOR YOUR ROAD AHEAD:** 1, Why is Palm Sunday important?

2, What is Faith?

3. How do believers feed their faith?

4. Who could you share faith with this week? How?