

Eleven
Hebrews 11:1-3

Discouragement is a universal disease
Discouragement is a repeated disease
Discouragement is contagious
Discouragement is circumstantial
Discouragement is deadly

"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."
[Hebrews 11:1-3]

1. Faith leads to hope

The degree of our experience of hope, is proportionate to our degree of faith

"...and assurance about what we do not see."
[Hebrews 11:1]

2. Faith leads to confident expectation

Visual certitude

"When Jacob awoke from his sleep he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."
[Genesis 28:16-17]

3. Faith leads to understanding the un-understandable

"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what is visible."
[Hebrews 11:3]

"This is what the ancients were commended for."
[Hebrews 11:2]

4. Faith leads to the pleasure of God

"And without faith it is impossible to please God."
[Hebrews 11:6]

"And He did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith."
[Matthew 13:58]

"God honors faith, because faith honors God."

"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."
[2 Chronicles 16:9]