

### THE GREATEST FAITH STATEMENT IN THE BIBLE

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see"

**FAITH IS FUTURISTIC** – "what we hope for"

**FAITH IS CONNECTED TO ITS OBJECT.** "hope"

**FAITH IS CONFIDENT** – "sure", "hope", "certain"

**FAITH IS FOCUSED ON THE UNSEEN** – "what we do not see"

**THE PLEASURE OF GOD TOWARD US IS IN OUR FAITH:**

*Hebrews 11:6 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.*

**FAITH EXPRESSED:**

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. <sup>19</sup> The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.

**COMPARING HABAKKUK’S LANGUAGE WITH OURS:**

**HABAKKUK’S:**

**OUR:**

- NO FIGS
- NO GRAPES
- NO OLIVES
- NO FOOD
- NO SHEEP
- NO CATTLE

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**HABAKKUK’S RESPONSE:**

<sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

**FEAR AND FAITH:**

Psalm 56:3–4

<sup>3</sup> **When I am afraid,** I will trust in you. <sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; **I will not be afraid.** What can mortal man do to me?

**NO FEAR WITH GOD:**

<sup>19</sup> The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights

