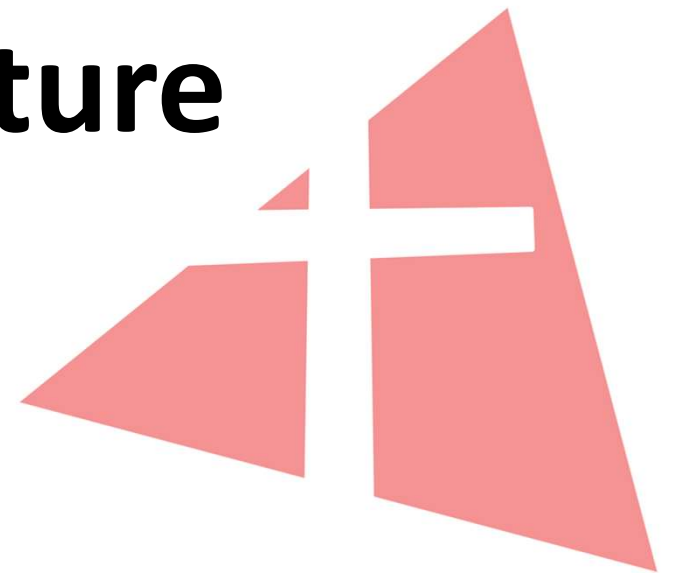


Faith: Past, Present, Future

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Our series

- **Faith**
 - Who God is
 - Coming with Boldness and Expectations



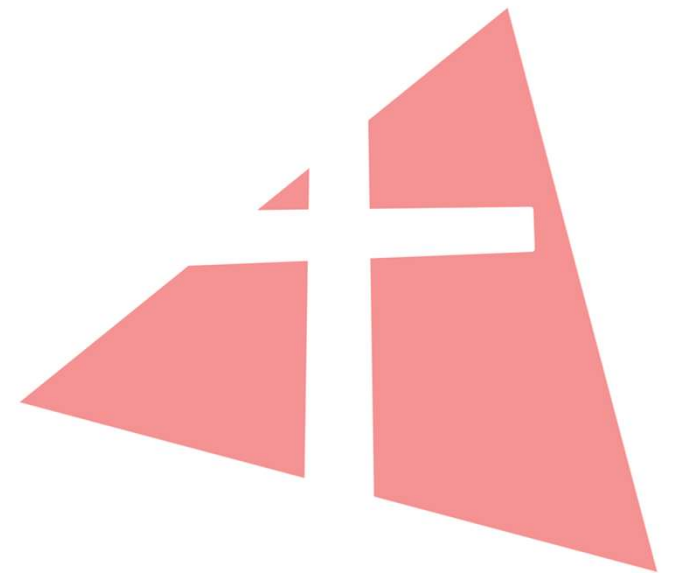
Our Focus today

- **Faith: Past, Present, Future**



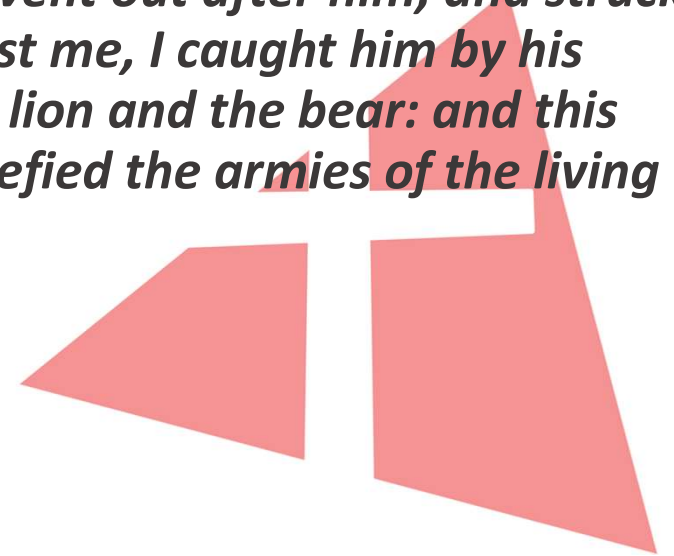
The Past

- **What role does the past play for our Faith today?**



David's Story

1 Samuel 17:34-36 And David said unto Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and struck him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and struck him, and slew him. Your servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.



What about painful experiences?

- We can use painful experiences in the past to see how God brought us through

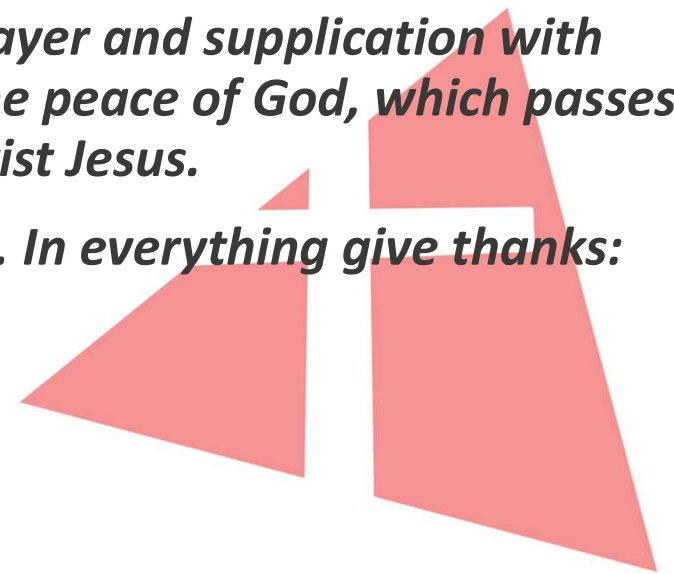


Commandments

Psalm 103:1-2 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

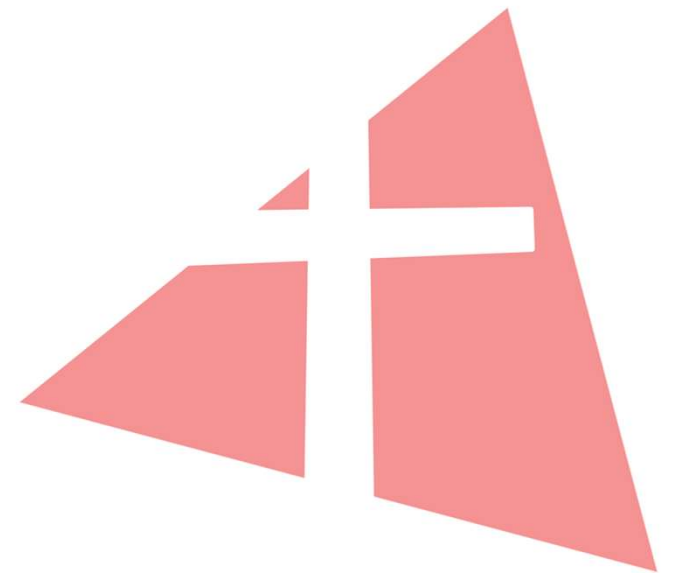
Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.



The Past

- Testimonies should remind us of God's Faithfulness
- The past should increase our Faith today



The Present

- **Prayer and Action increase our Faith**



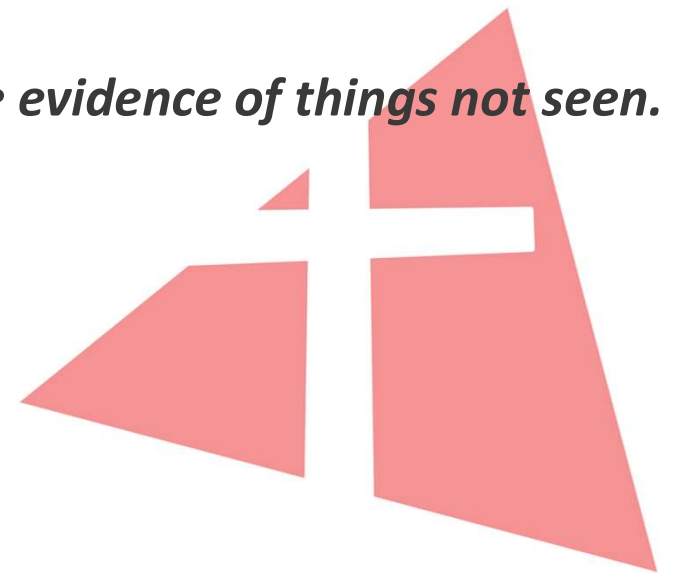
The Future

- Faith by definition is about the future



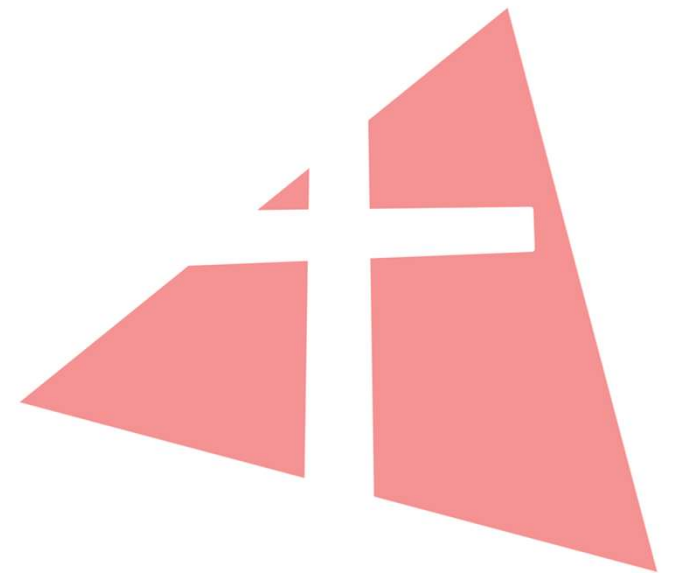
What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



Abraham's Faith

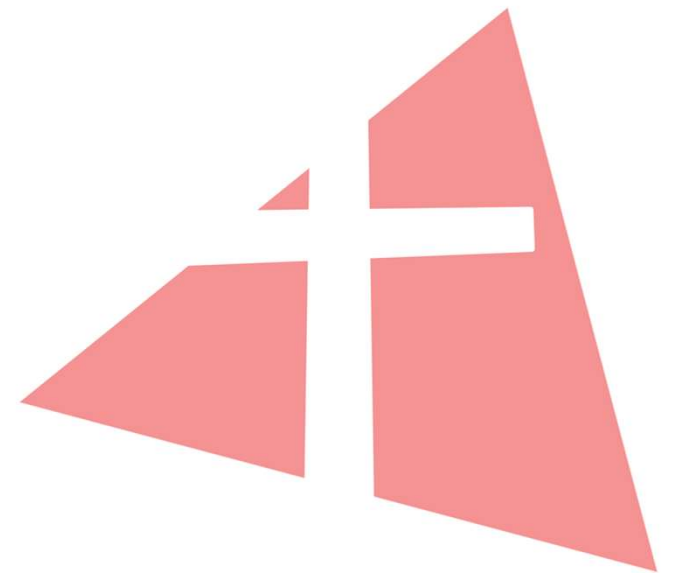
- **Abraham acted on a promise for the future**
 - Possess the land
 - Great nation



Noah's Faith

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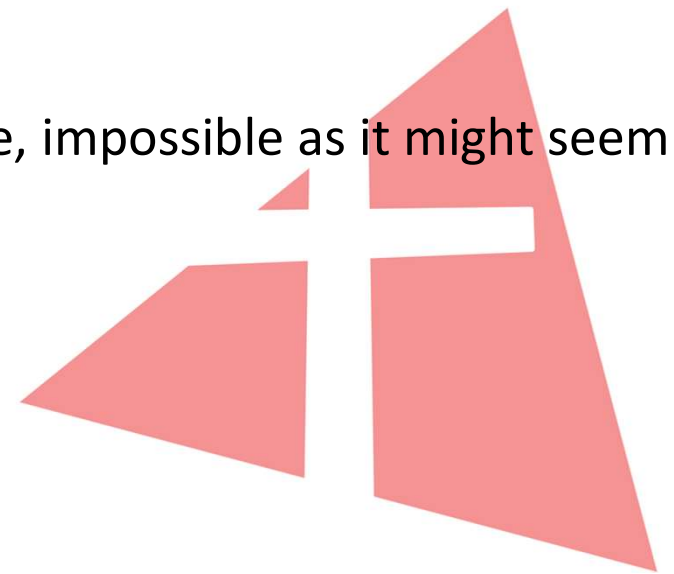
- Noah built an arc, knowing he will need it in the future



Moses' Faith

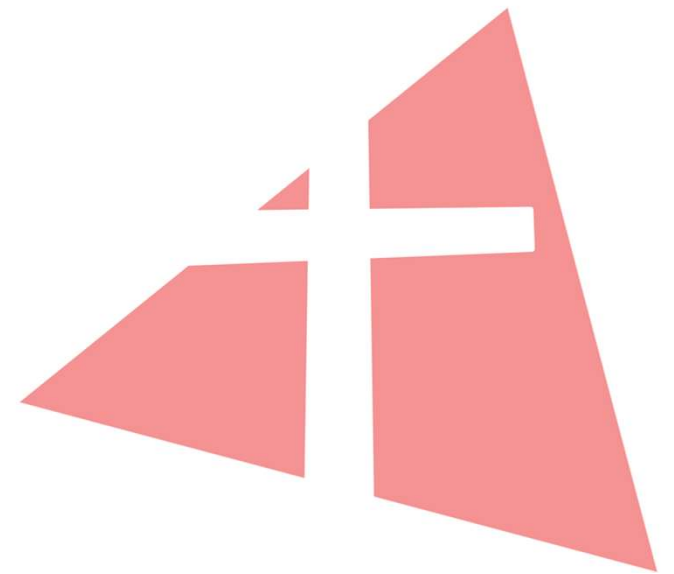
- **Moses' Faith**

- Moses believed that God would free His people in the future, impossible as it might seem



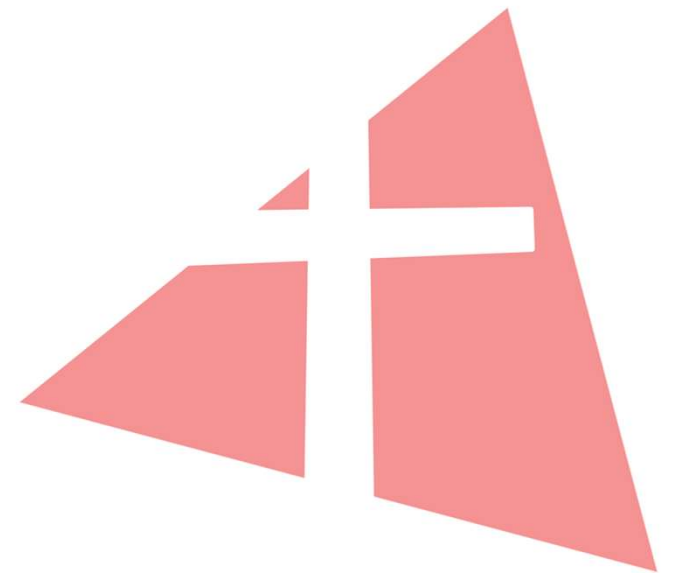
Faith vs. Sight

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)



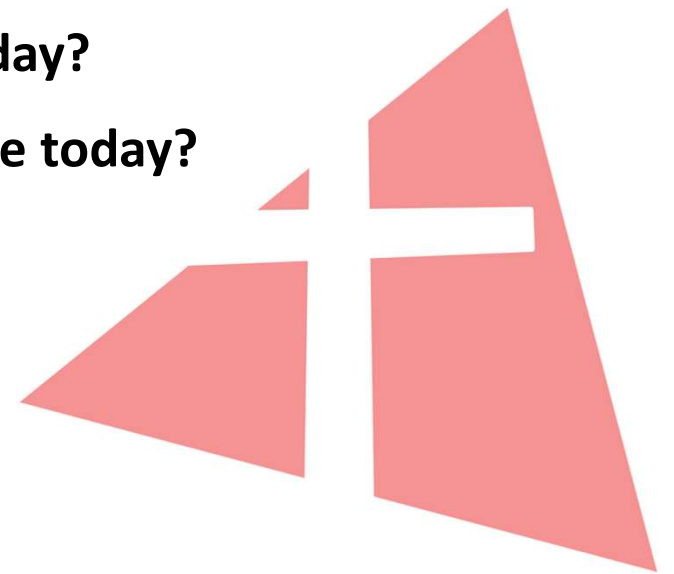
A personal Testimony

- **A time of transition in Shanghai**



Application

- **How do Biblical promises of the future affect the way I live today?**
- **How do personal promises from God to me affect the way I live today?**



In Conclusion

- **We should use past, present and future to increase our Faith**
 - Remembering the past increase our Faith
 - Prayer and Action today increases my Faith
 - Faith is made manifest in the future

