

1. What I believe (my faith) must answer 3 basic questions:
 - a. Where did we come from and who we are?
 - b. What has gone wrong with the world?
 - c. What can we do to fix it?
2. What value does faith have?
 - a. Insurance? Hope for heaven?
 - b. Real, practical value for life now?
3. How my faith developed
 - a. I saw it modelled
 - b. Work of the Holy Spirit (Philippians 2:13)
 - c. Intentional pursuit
4. Decisions – a “work in process”
 - a. **Philippians 3:12** I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. **But I press on** to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.
5. FAITH or TRUST?
 - a. **Proverbs 3:5 (NLT) — 5 Trust in the Lord** with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
 - b. **Hebrews 11:1** “**Faith** shows the **reality** of what we hope for; it is the **evidence** of things we cannot see”
 - c. **TRUST** demonstrates the reality of **FAITH**
6. WHO or WHAT am I trusting in, that’s trust-WORTHY?
 - a. **2 Kings 18:19 (NLT) — 19** Then the Assyrian king’s chief of staff told them to give this message to Hezekiah: “This is what the great king of Assyria says: **What are you trusting in that makes you so confident?**”
 - b. How does faith in an invisible, unseen God have any value?
7. **Habakkuk 3:16–19 (NLT) — 16** I trembled inside when I heard this; my lips quivered with fear. My legs gave way beneath me, and I shook in terror. ... **17** Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, **18** yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! **19** The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.
8. WHY? ... and the question that REALLY matters?
 - a. WILL I trust God when my world has fallen apart?
 - b. **Psalm 34:8 (NLT) — 8** Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!
 - c. **1 Peter 5:7 (NLT) — 7** Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.
9. **Philippians 4:11–13 (NLT) — 11** Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. **12** I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. **13** For I can do everything through Christ, **who gives me strength.**
10. Endings .. and new beginnings
 - a. **Proverbs 18:22 (NLT)** The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the Lord.
11. 9.Is there any practical value to faith in THIS life?
 - a. We GET to choose ... that choice matters a LOT!!
12. **Who** are you trusting in that makes you so confident (to face an unknown future?)
13. **Jeremiah 17:7 (NLT)** “But blessed are those **who trust in the Lord** and have made the Lord **their hope and confidence.**