



# PBC Growing in Christ

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# Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of dry grass and brush. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with a gradient from deep blue to orange and yellow near the horizon. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical post and horizontal arms clearly visible against the sky.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

# Growing in Christ

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- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



# Growing in Christ

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*To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)*





# Faith

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What are some things  
you've never seen but  
still believe exist?



# Faith

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What are some examples of things that are unseen but reliable?

# Scripture

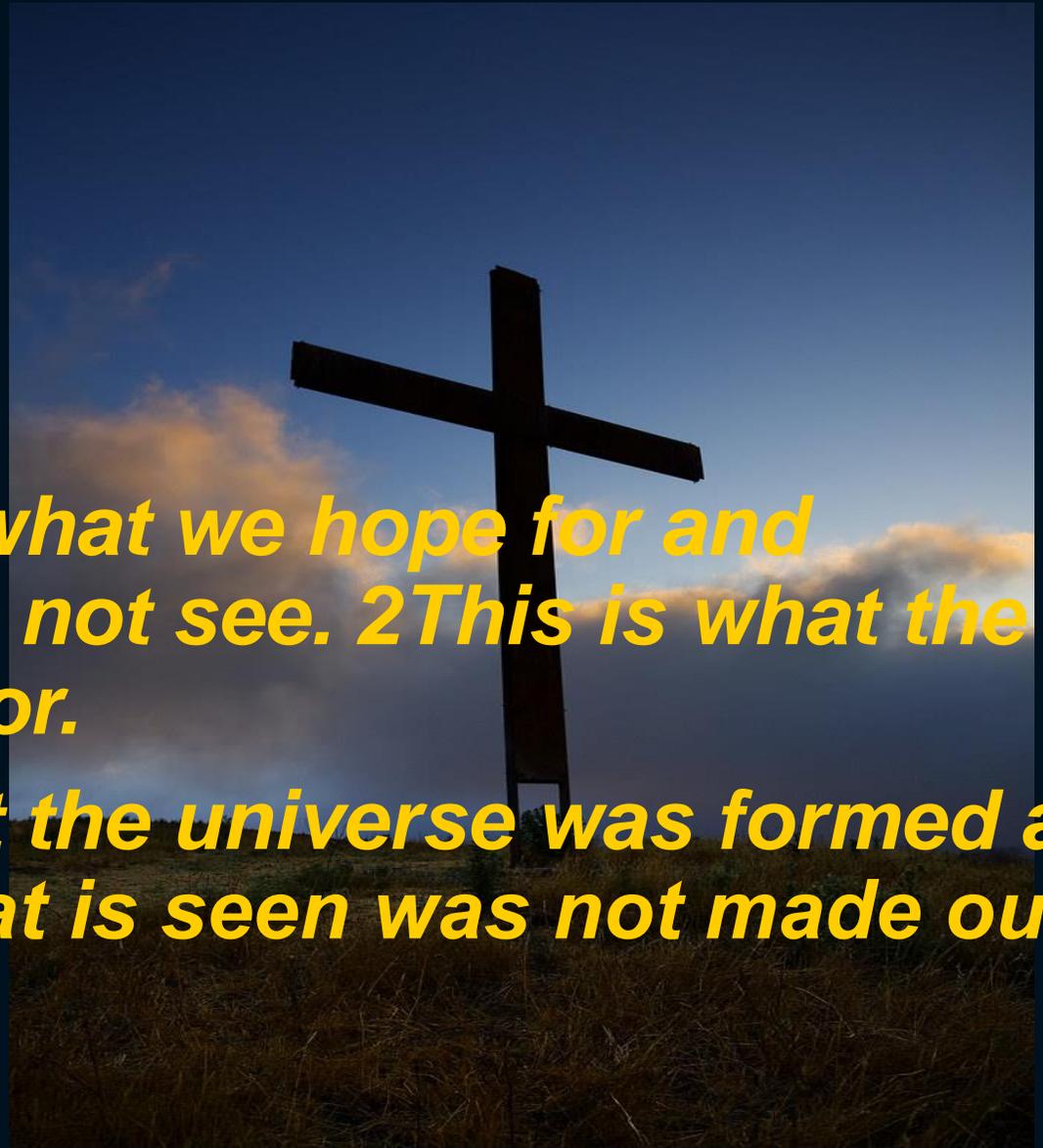
## Hebrew 11:1-3

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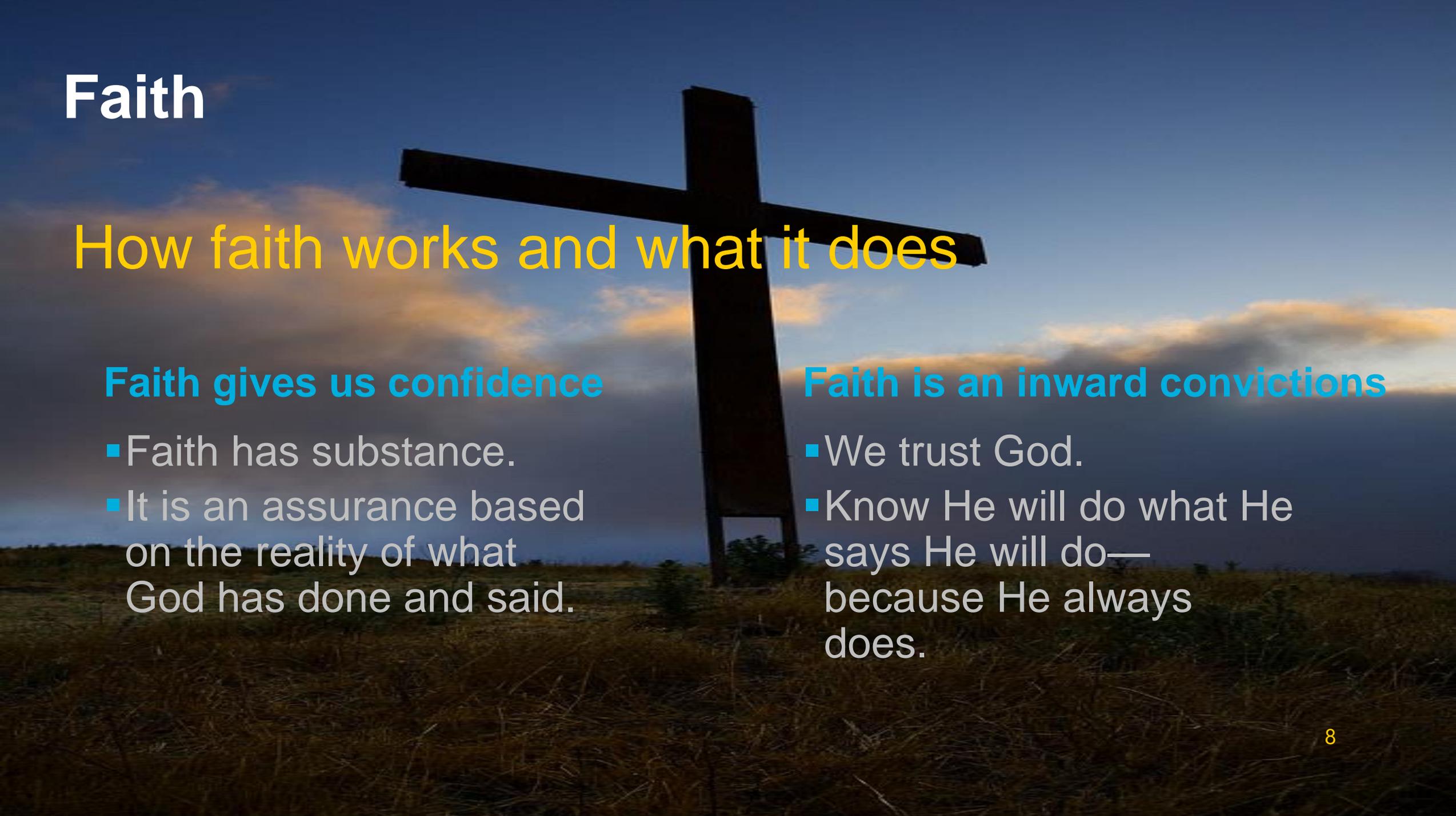
### Faith in Action

*1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.*

*3 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.*



# Faith



## How faith works and what it does

### Faith gives us confidence

- Faith has substance.
- It is an assurance based on the reality of what God has done and said.

### Faith is an inward convictions

- We trust God.
- Know He will do what He says He will do—because He always does.

# Discussion

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- 1. What helps you have faith in God even though you can't see Him?*
- 2. Who or what do we tend to put our faith in besides God?*

## Scripture: Hebrew 11:4-6

***4By 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. 5By 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. 6And 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.***

# Discussion

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- 1. What are some daily practices that strengthen your faith?*
- 2. Why is faith a necessary element for a relationship with God?*
- 3. What are the rewards and challenges of living by faith?*





# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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**Thank God for faith.** Thank God for bringing you to faith in Christ. Acknowledge your belief in Him and seek to please Him in how you live out your faith.

**Walk in faith.** Choose to walk in obedience to Christ. Daily read God's Word and identify areas in which you need to walk in faith and obedience.

**Express your faith.** As you live in obedient faith, ask God for opportunities to tell someone else why you believe in Him and choose to live by faith in Christ.

# Exercise of Faith

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- Will a chair support you if you sit in it?
- How would I determine the chair will support me?
- What is the simplest way?

# Exercise of Faith

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Faith is more than an agreement with the facts. Faith requires action.



# Resources

[Gen 4:1-10](#)

[Genesis 1](#)

[Gen. 5:24](#)

[Habakkuk 2:3-4](#)

[Hebrews 10:39](#)

[John 1:1-3](#)

[Colossians 1:16-17](#)

[Bible.com](#)





# God Bless You!

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# Next Week

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Holy

Isaiah 40:25-31

*What do you think of  
when you hear the word  
“holy”?*