

## Wednesday Devotional

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This is from the Nazarene Hymnal on faith. Do we really have faith in the Lord as we say we do? Abraham set the example for us. Since Jesus is the author of faith, He can help our faith to grow through His Spirit. Just ask in prayer.

### Faith

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Faith is being sure of what we hope for

**And certain of 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.**

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.**

By faith Abraham,

when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance,  
obeyed and went,

even though he did not know where he was going.

**By faith he made his home in the promised land  
like a stranger in a foreign country.**

By faith Abraham,

even though he was past age,  
was enabled to become a father

because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

**By faith Abraham,  
when God tested him,  
offered Isaac as a sacrifice.**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us throw off everything that hinders  
and the sin that so easily entangles,

**And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**The author and perfecter of our faith.**

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 6, 8-9a, 11, 17a; 12:1-2a*