

**“Faith Hopes” (Hebrews 11:8-22)**  
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**Review:** Faith is taking one’s stand on real evidence that God exists and in Christ our future will be vastly better! (11:1-3)

**Faith Hopes: Why? Because if there is no God, there is no hope!**

**1. Hope is believing that God’s promises about the future are more reliable than present or contrary evidence. (20-21)**

- Isaac and Jacob blessed their sons’ futures, even though the available evidence didn’t give much reason for hope.
- They had lots of struggles in life but kept going. Faith hopes!

**2. Hope is believing that God’s promises about the future are reliable enough to make plans way ahead. (22)**

- Joseph made his burial plans hundreds of years in advance.
- He had lots of struggles in life but kept going. Faith hopes!

**2. Hope is believing that God’s promises about the future are more reliable than our understanding. (8-19)**

- “Take your family away from your homeland... your wife will give birth at 80 years old... and kill your only son as a sacrifice to me!” NONE OF THIS MAKES LOGICAL SENSE.
- God knew that Abraham would never kill Isaac, but instead that Abraham would kill his own self-trust!
- He had lots of struggles in life but kept going. Faith hopes!

**Personally:**

God, my life is full of struggles too, but I believe your promises are more reliable than my present circumstances! So I choose to hope!