

We gotta have Faith
Faith

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Hebrews 11:6

And 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.

What does **Biblical Faith** mean?



Hebrews 11:1 Defines faith for us....

- ESV** - Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- ICB** - Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.
- MSG** - The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.



2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

For we live by **faith, not by sight.**



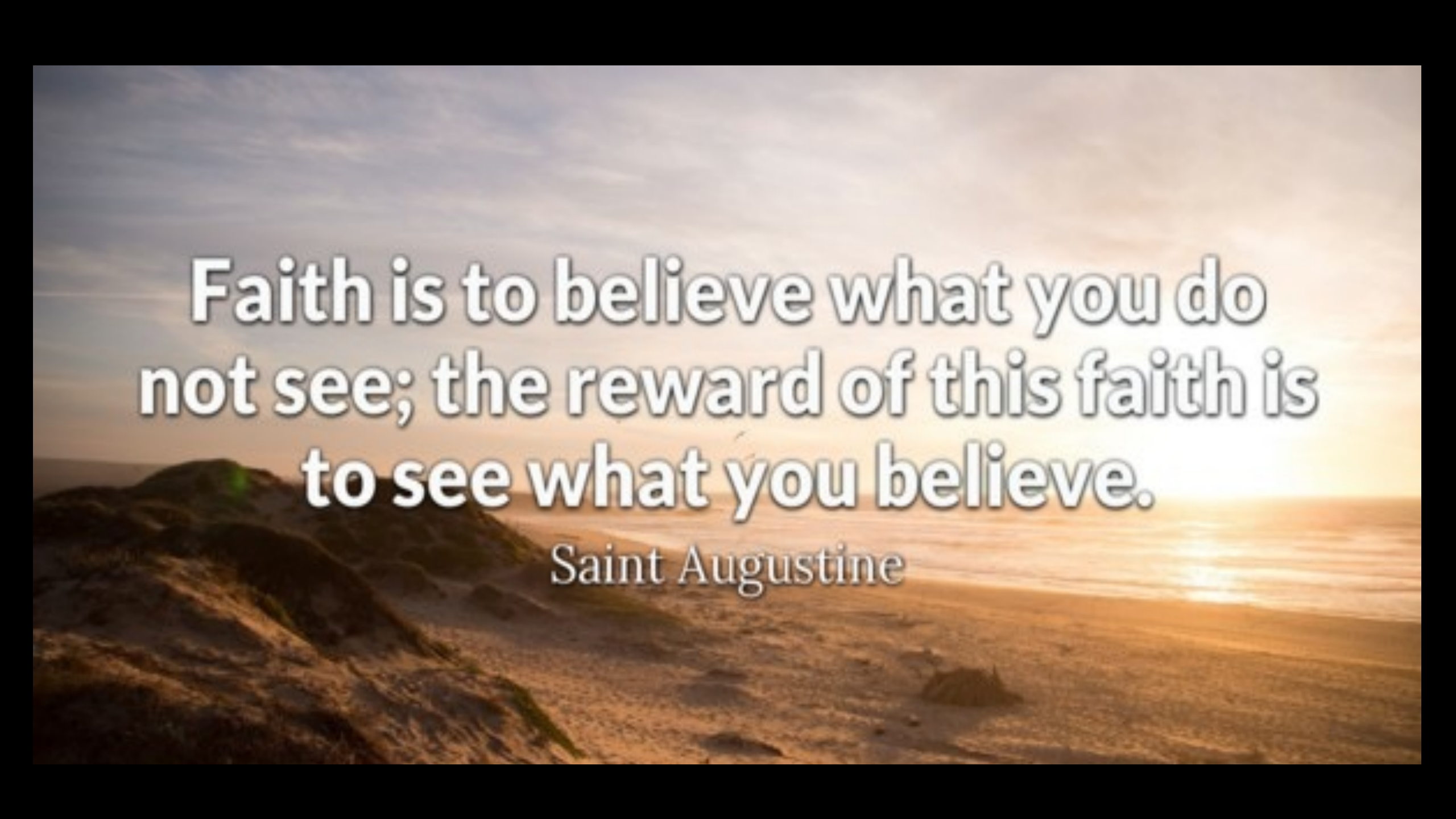
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (NIV)

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Biblical faith is based on knowledge, not wishing or blind leaps. Knowledge builds confidence and confidence leads to trust. The kind of faith God is interested in is not wishing. It's trust based on knowing, a sure confidence grounded in evidence.”

Gregory Koukl





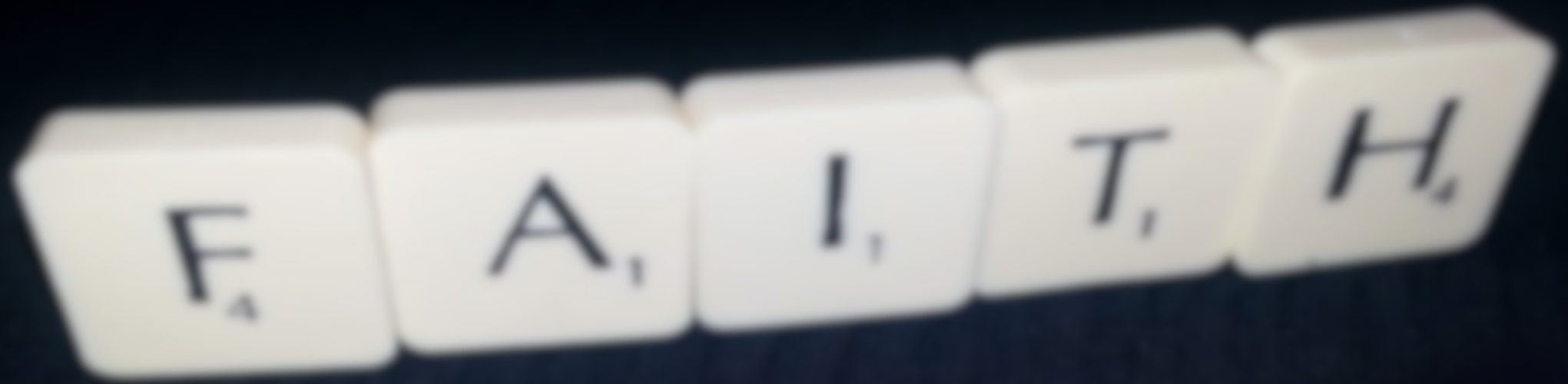
**Faith is to believe what you do
not see; the reward of this faith is
to see what you believe.**

Saint Augustine

The background is a painting of a coastal scene. On the right, a dark, craggy cliff face rises steeply from the water. The sea is a deep, calm blue, reflecting the light. On the left, a sandy beach is visible, with some small rocks and debris. The overall mood is serene yet powerful, with a focus on the natural elements of the landscape.

**Never be afraid to trust an
unknown future to a known
God.**

Corrie Ten Boom



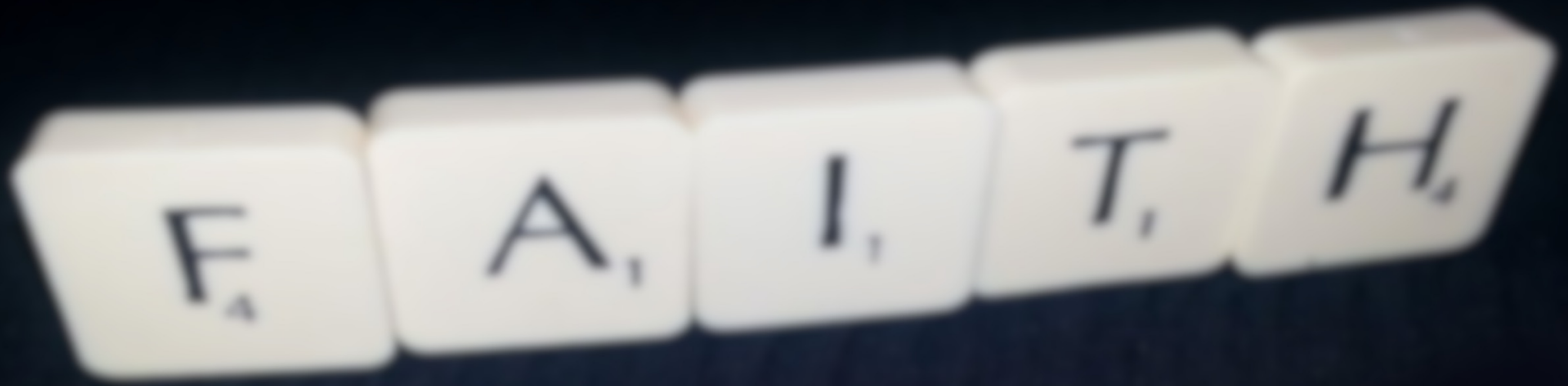
4 Aspects of Walking by Faith (John 11)

John 11 (ESV) The Death of Lazarus

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. **2** It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. **3** So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." **4** But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." **5** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **6** So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. **7** Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." **8** The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?"

John 11 (ESV) The Death of Lazarus

9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. **10** But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” **11** After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” **12** The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” **13** Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. **14** Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, **15** and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” **16** So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”



4 Aspects of Walking by Faith (John 11)

1. Trust in God's Greater Purpose
2. Wait on God's Better Timing
3. Hope in God's Higher Way
4. Move Your Stone

1. Trust in God's Greater Purpose



Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand.

~ Saint Augustine



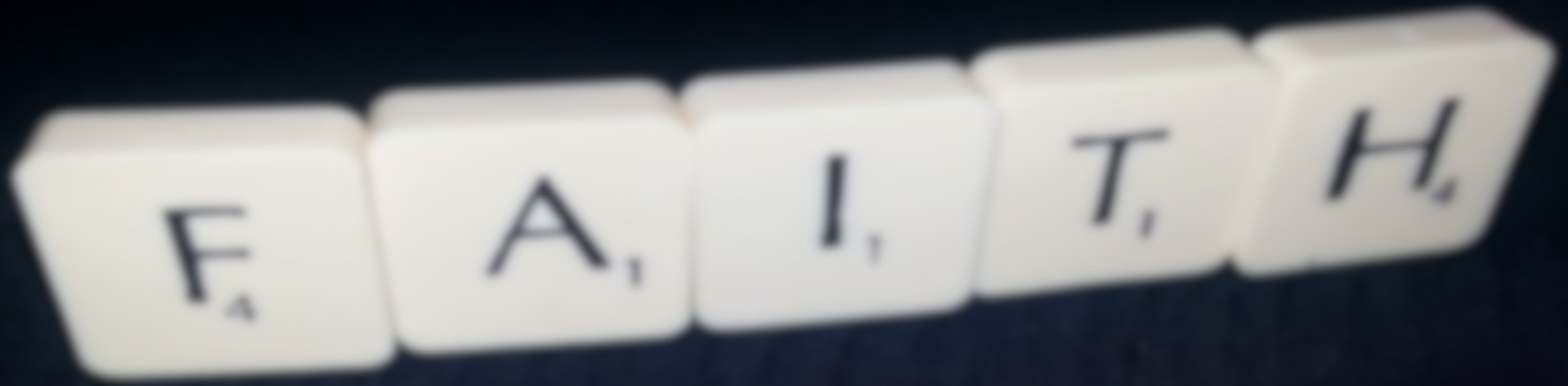
Matthew 13:53-58

53 And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there,
54 and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?
55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? **56** And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” **57** And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” **58 And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.**

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17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. **18** Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, **19** and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. **20** So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. **21** Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."



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2. Wait on God's Better Timing

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.

Oswald Chambers

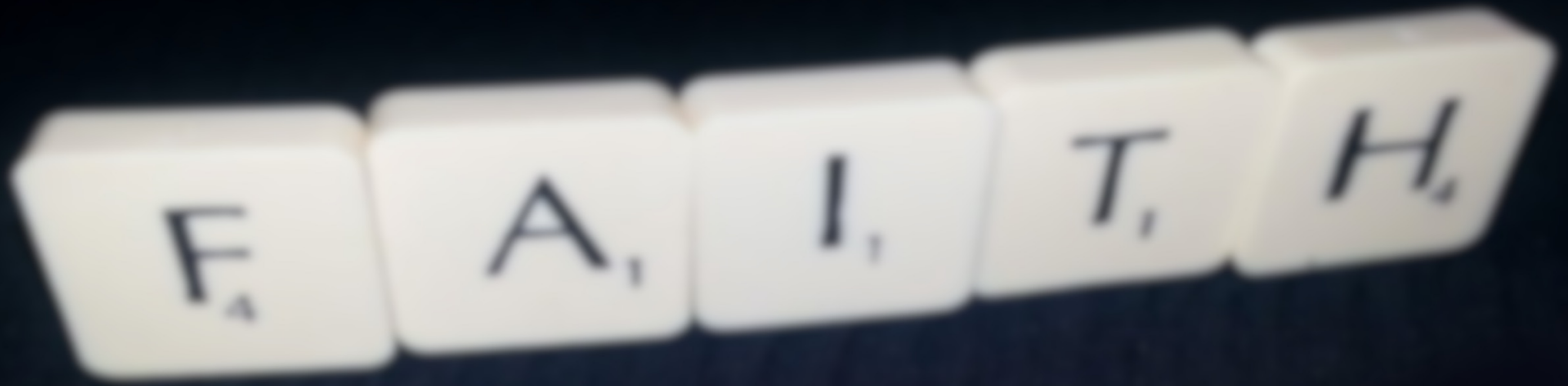
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23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” **24** Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” **25** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, **26** and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” **27** She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” **28** When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” **29** And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. **30** Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

John 11 (ESV) The Death of Lazarus

31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. **32** Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” **33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. **34** And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” **35 Jesus wept.** **36** So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” **37** But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” **38** Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.



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3. Hope in God's Higher Way



The issue of faith is not so much whether we believe in God, but whether we believe the God we believe in. (p.35)

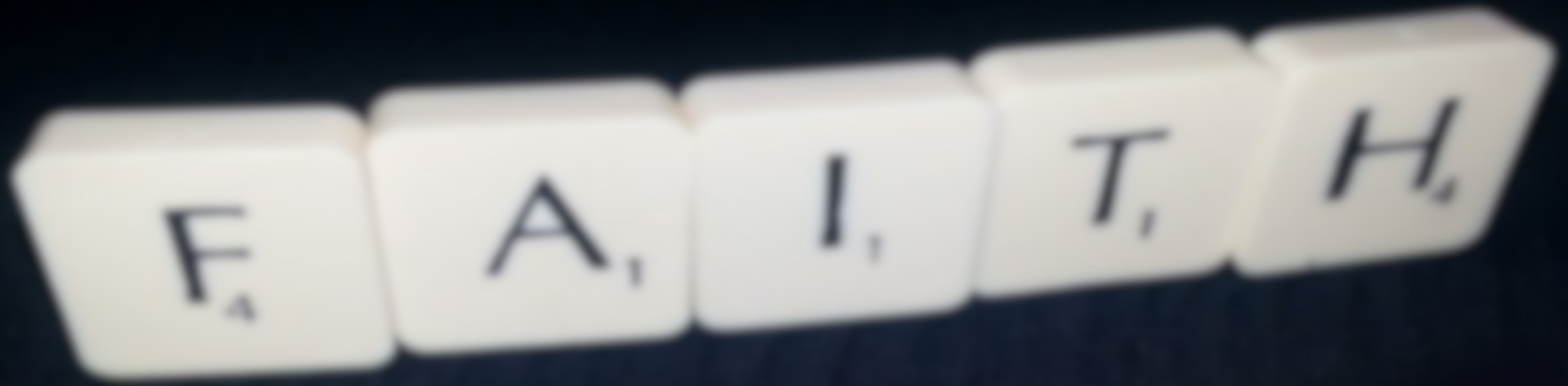
— R. C. Sproul —

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

John 11 (ESV) The Death of Lazarus

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odour, for he has been dead four days." **40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" **41** So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." **43** When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." **44** The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." **45** Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.



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Christian community is the place
where we keep the flame of hope
alive among us and take it seriously
so that it can grow and become
stronger in us.

— *Henri Nouwen* —



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Story of Kenneth and Adeline Thong



BY FAITH

ABEL

ENOC

NOAH

ABRAHAM

SARAH

ISAAC

JACOB

JOSEPH

MOSES' PARENTS

MOSES

ISRAELITE

RAHAB

GIDEON, BARAK, SAMSON, JEPHTHAH, of David
and Samuel and the Prophets

OTHERS
VICTORIOUS

OTHERS WERE
TORTURED

ALL understood that God was bigger than
circumstance and worthy of their FAITH



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A pair of hands is shown from the wrist up, holding a bright, glowing white cross. The hands are silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with shades of orange, yellow, and purple. The cross is the central focus, emitting a strong light that illuminates the hands and the surrounding clouds.

Hebrews 12:1-2a

12 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, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.