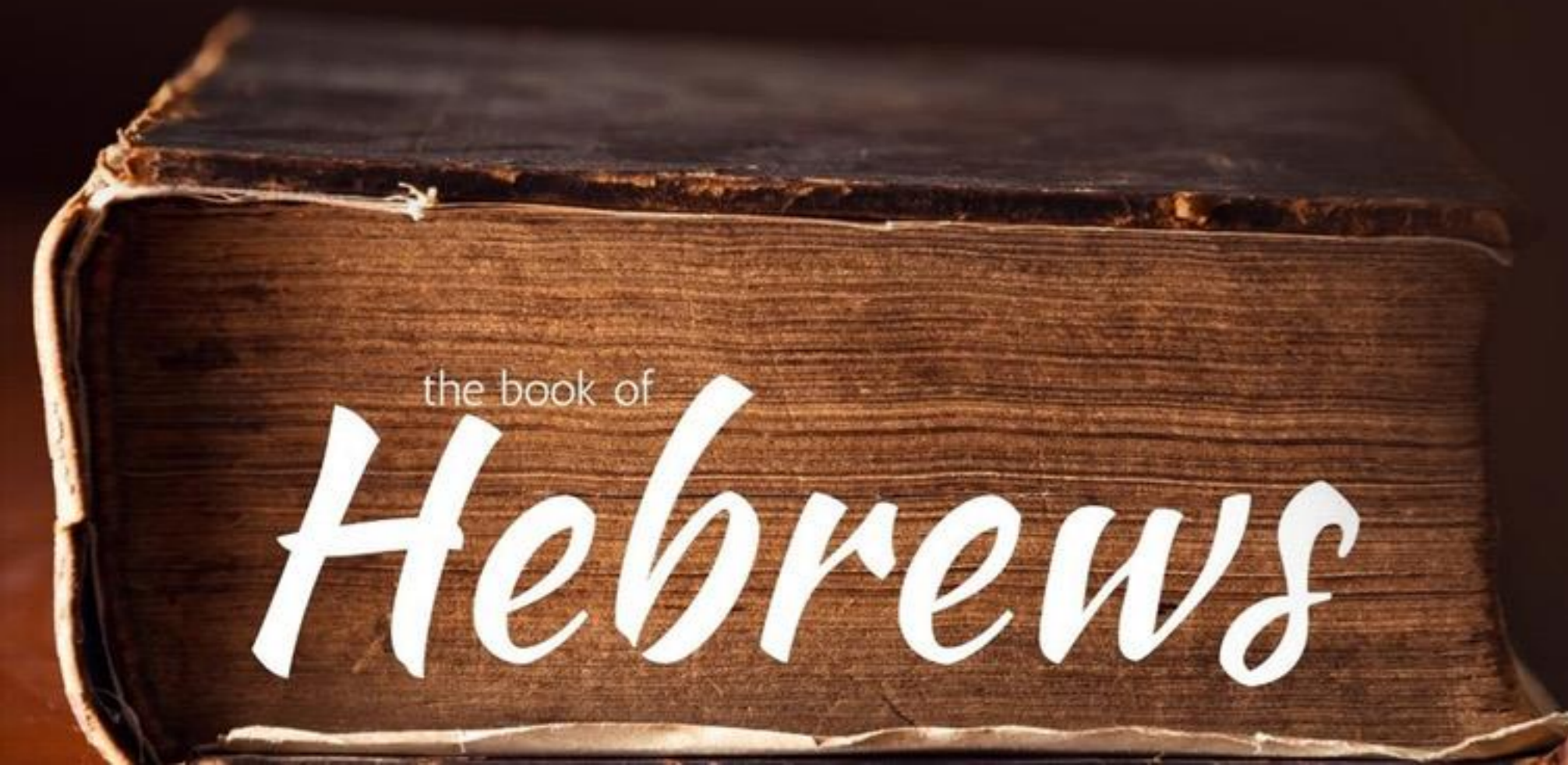




BY FAITH



For the past sermons on Hebrews, we have established that this is a God we can trust!

Hebrews 1-2 : The Superior to Angels

Hebrews 3 : The Superior to Moses

Hebrews 4 : The Superior to Joshua

Hebrews 6-7 : The Superior High Priest

Hebrews 8 : The Superior New Covenant

Hebrews 9 : The Superior Sanctuary (or Tabernacle)

Hebrews 10 : The Superior Sacrifice



Hebrews 10:35-39 (ESV)

35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. **36** For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. **37** For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; **38** but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in. **39** But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.



Hebrews 11 (ESV)

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the people of old received their commendation. **3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.



Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

And without faith it is impossible to please him,
for whoever would draw near to God must
believe that he exists and that he rewards
those who seek him.

A conceptual image featuring a man in a dark suit and a blindfold walking on the edge of a brick ledge. He is leaning forward, and a large hand in a dark suit sleeve reaches out from the right side of the frame, palm up, as if offering support or a path forward. The background is a cloudy sky. The text 'WHAT IS FAITH?' is centered in the middle of the image.

WHAT IS FAITH?

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FAITH

**Putting your trust in God and having
confidence that He will fulfil His promises**

3 Different Types of

FAITH



1. Saving FAITH
2. The Gift of FAITH
3. Living by FAITH

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1. Saving FAITH

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

3 Different Types of FAITH

2. Gift of FAITH

1 Corinthians 12:7-9 (NIV)

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit.



3 Different Types of FAITH

3. Living of FAITH

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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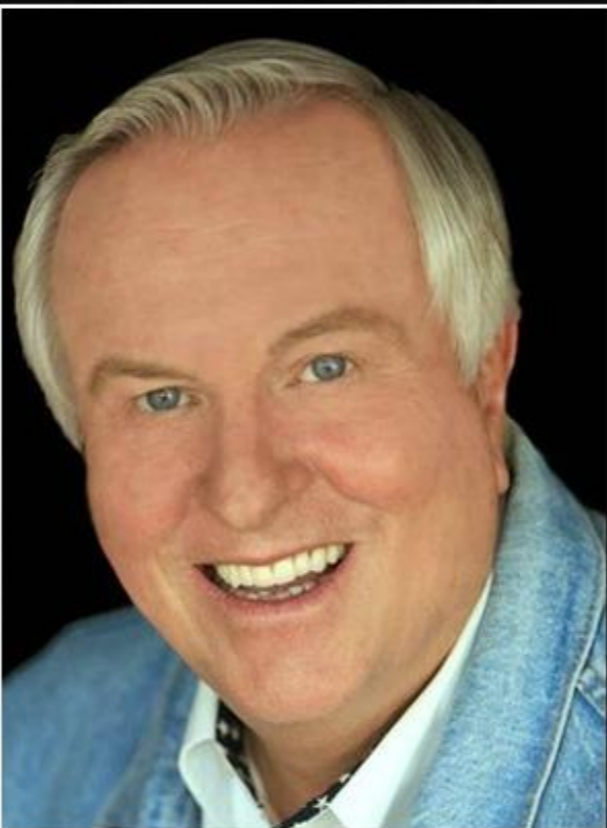
3. Living of FAITH

1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV) Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.



3 Aspects of LIVING BY FAITH

1. LIVING BY FAITH involves a deep trust in our great God



The Christian faith is faith in Christ. Its value or worth is not in the one believing but in the One believed - not in the one trusting, but in the One trusted.

— Josh McDowell —



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v3 what is seen was **not made out of what was visible**

v7 warned about things **not yet seen** in holy fear built an ark to save his family

v10 he was **looking forward** to the city with foundations

v13 they **only saw them and welcomed them from a distance**

v14 they are **looking** for a country of their own

v23 because they **saw he was no ordinary child**

v26 because **he was looking ahead** to his reward

v27 he persevered because **he saw him who is invisible**

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FAITH involves some measure of sight
- spiritual sight

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (ESV)

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, **18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



A close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of a person's hands clasped together in prayer. The hands are positioned over an open book, likely a Bible, which is resting on a surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue gradient. The lighting is gentle, highlighting the texture of the skin and the pages of the book.

3. **LIVING BY FAITH** involves actions

- is an action
- not just a feeling

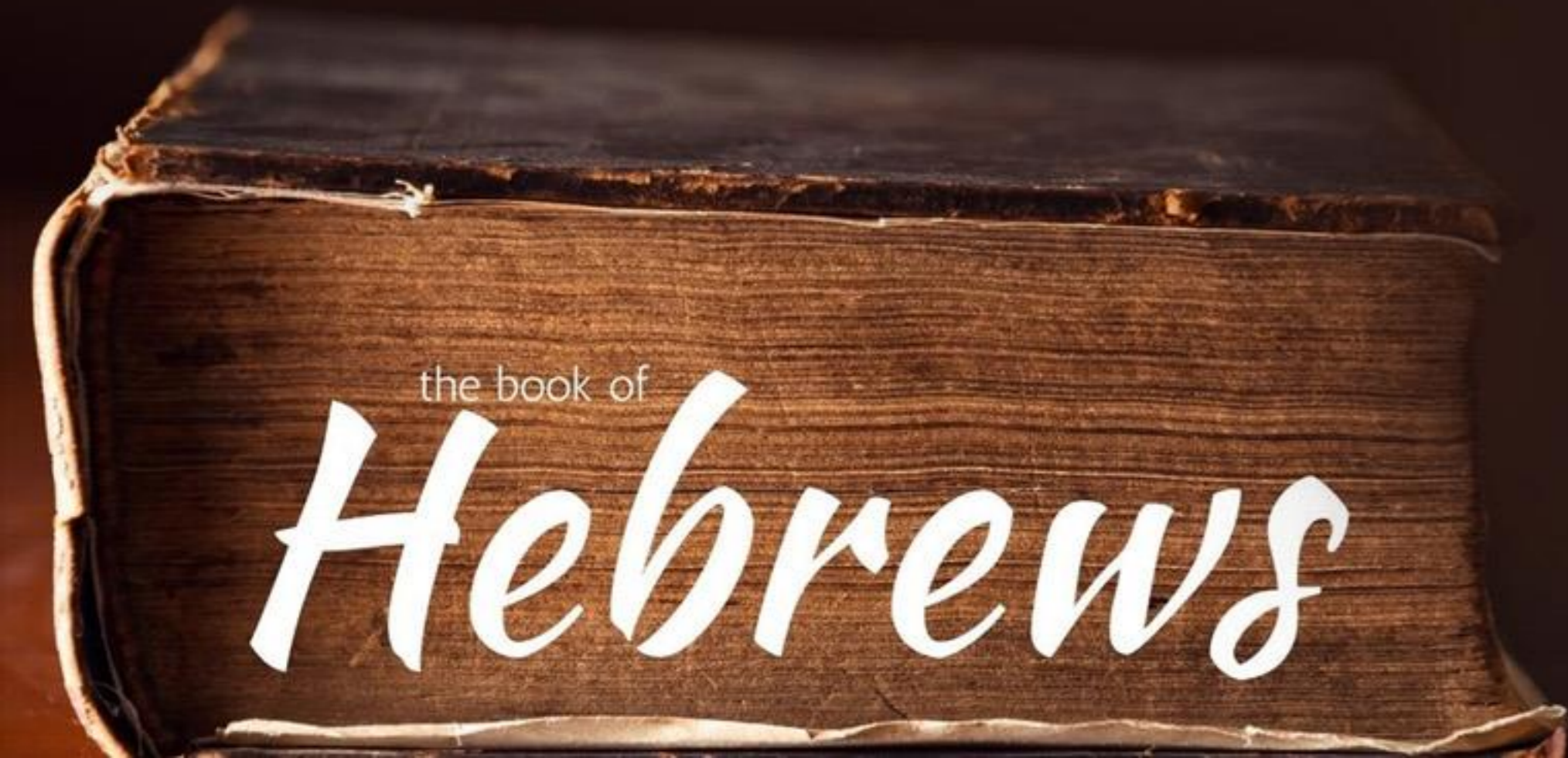
Some example :

- ✓ Abel offered
- ✓ Noah built
- ✓ Abraham went

Faith is taking the **first step**,
even when you don't
see the **whole staircase**.

- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - IAMFEARLESSSOUL.COM





The writer of Hebrews begins this list
of people who have exercised **FAITH**

1. **Abel** (v4): Lessons in Faith and Obedience

Abel, the younger brother, showed his faith by offering God the first fruit of his flock.

God was not pleased with Cain's offering.

Abel is praised for having faith because he did what God said.



2. **Enoch** (v5): Extraordinary faith and close relationship with God

Enoch probably came to know God at the age of 65. Thereafter he began to “**walk with God**” for the next 300 years. This walk was not just an ordinary stroll; it was a journey of faith, obedience, and a heart fully committed to God’s way.

Enoch’s faith was so extraordinary that it pleased God to the point that he was spared from experiencing death. Instead, God “**took him away**”.



3. **Noah** (v7): Remarkable Faith in building the Ark

His faith and obedience to God's command to build the ark stand as a monumental exercise of faith.

His commitment to God's instruction is a remarkable example of faith in the face of persecution and disbelief.



4. & 5. Abraham (v8, 17) **& Sarah** (v11):
Faith in God's Promises

The first test of Abraham's faith was his willingness to follow God's call to an unknown destination. God instructed him to leave his homeland and embark on a journey to a place of inheritance, even though he had no knowledge of where he was going.

The second significant test came in the form of God's promise to provide Abraham with descendants as numerous as the stars. Despite his and Sarah's advanced age, they waited for this promise to be fulfilled for a quarter of a century.

The most challenging test occurred when God asked Abraham to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice



6. & 7. Isaac & Jacob (v20-21):
Unwavering commitment to bless
their children

Isaac believed that God's promises and plans extended to his descendants and, therefore, he imparted blessings with the hope and faith that God would fulfil His divine purposes through his children.

Jacob's blessings were a testament to his faith in God's guidance and care over his descendants. By pronouncing blessings on Manasseh and Ephraim, Jacob entrusted their futures to the sovereign hand of God, believing that He would oversee their lives, providing for and protecting them.



8. **Joseph** (v22): Alignment with God's principles

Joseph saw God's hand in his life, acknowledging that what his brothers meant for evil, God intended for good. His forgiveness and reconciliation with his family serve as a powerful demonstration of his faith.

In his final request, Joseph expressed his deep connection to his roots. He asked that his bones be carried back to the land of promise, a land he had not set foot in since his betrayal and enslavement. This request symbolised his enduring faith in God's promises, despite the many years spent far from his beloved land.



9. & 10. **Moses' Parents (Amram & Jochebed)**

(v23): Choosing faith over fear

The king had issued an edict to kill all Hebrew male infants. Despite this decree, they were not paralyzed by fear but chose to trust God. They hid baby Moses for three months after his birth

Amram and Jochebed's act of faith inspires us to trust God even in the most daunting circumstances and to choose faith over fear, knowing that God's plan is greater than any earthly decree or danger.



11. **Moses** (v24-29 & v30): Faith in Action

Moses's life is a testament to the power of faith in action. His unwavering commitment to God's plan and his people's liberation serves as an enduring example of faith guiding individuals through the most challenging circumstances, ultimately leading them from bondage to freedom.



12. **Rahab** (v31): Unconventional Faith

Rahab's inclusion in Hebrews 11 sets her apart as a remarkable figure. Not only is she one of the few women in this list of faith, but she is also a gentile and a former prostitute.

Rahab's presence in Hebrews 11 underscores her exceptional faith in God, transcending her background and circumstances.



Israelites conquering Jericho's Walls: A Triumph of Faith

God's instructions to Joshua were unorthodox but demanded unwavering faith. The command was simple yet unconventional: for six days, the Israelites were to march around the city of Jericho, and on the seventh day, they would blow their trumpets. To the people of Jericho, this ritual must have appeared puzzling and even absurd.

They circled Jericho's walls, appearing foolish, but God honoured their faith, causing the walls to crumble. This event stands as a testament to God's faithfulness and the incredible power of unwavering trust in Him.



Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David and Samuel & Unnamed Individuals (v32-40)

Conquering kingdoms: Figures like King David and Joshua conquered territories through their faith in God.
Administering justice: Faithful judges, including Samuel, upheld God's law.

Shutting the mouths of lions: This likely refers to Daniel's miraculous rescue from the lion's den.

Quenching the fury of the flames: It alludes to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, preserved in the fiery furnace due to their faith.

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Routed foreign armies: Various individuals, including the judges and David, achieved victories over formidable foes through God's guidance.

Women who received back their dead: This includes mothers, like the woman of Zarephath and the Shunammite woman, who witnessed miraculous resurrections through their faith.

Others were tortured and refused to be released. This likely signifies unnamed martyrs who endured suffering without renouncing their faith.

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Faced jeers and flogging: Prophets like Jeremiah encountered ridicule and physical suffering for their commitment.

Chained and put in prison: Joseph's unjust imprisonment and Jeremiah's confinement exemplify faith amid incarceration.

Stoned: This includes unnamed persecuted individuals, possibly early Christian martyrs.

Sawn in two: Tradition suggests this may allude to the prophet Isaiah's death.

A person is running through a dark, narrow tunnel towards a large, glowing cross-shaped opening in a wall. The light from the opening illuminates the person and the surrounding walls, creating a dramatic silhouette effect. The overall atmosphere is one of perseverance and hope.

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

A pair of hands, one on the left and one on the right, are holding a white rectangular sign. The sign is centered in the frame against a dark gray background. The text on the sign is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**Local
Witnesses**

CONCLUSION

Revelation 22:12 (NIV) Look, I am coming soon!
My reward is with me, and I will give to each
person according to what they have done.

CONCLUSION

L I V E B Y
F A I T H

A glowing cross symbol is positioned between the words 'FAITH' and 'LIVE BY'. The cross is bright yellow and orange, casting a soft glow on the surrounding dark background. The letters 'LIVE BY' are arranged in a single line above the cross, while 'FAITH' is arranged in a single line below it. The overall composition is centered and balanced.