

Unwavering Faith: Faith -vs- Feelings

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[John 20:24-31](#)

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- **FAITH:**

[Heb 11:1](#)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

[Heb 11:39](#)

These (heroes of the faith) were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.

- **FEELINGS:**

[Prov 14:12](#)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

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1. **ABOUT MORE THAN OUR SENSES**

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2. **BELIEVING IN THE ONE THAT DIED FOR YOU**

[John 20:27-29](#)

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3. **RESULTS IN LIFE**

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[2 Cor 5:7](#)

We live by faith, not by sight.

[Prov 3:5](#)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

[2 Cor 4:18](#)

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.