



## Magnolia Bible Church Men's Group

Transforming Faith Series (Fall 2019) | Lesson #1, Thursday, September 5, 2019

Transforming faith is a play on words. Faith is transforming in and of itself, but the adding word “transforming” as an adjective or descriptor gives our faith a dynamic element as mature in Christ. Faith is necessary to be saved from the “penalty of sin”, but it’s amazing how as Believers we can failure to experience salvation from the “power of sin”.

Faith is evidence of God’s work in our lives. Scripture tells that it is *impossible to please God without faith* (Hebrews 11:6). I’ll go a step further - absent faith and an underlying belief in God’s ability to accomplish anything, we will never be able to accomplish all God has called us to do. When we truly get hold of this concept, we will be in a position to move mountains. Now, that is transformational living!

In this series we’ve got four goals:

1. Explore what the Bible has to say about faith and learn from our “Heroes of the Faith”.
2. Try and understand WHY faith is important to us as followers of Jesus. When we get the WHY correct, the HOW and WHAT naturally fall into place.
3. Identify areas in our lives where faith can really transform our Christian living.
4. Have fun! Following Jesus is the greatest experience we can have. We of all people should enjoy life.

### Series Bible Verses

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

*<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NASB)

### Series Quote

*Faith is acting like it is so, even though it is not so, so that it might be so, simply because God said so!*

Dr. Tony Evans

Provided below is the outline for our 6-week series.

1. **September 5<sup>th</sup>:** Why is faith important to us as followers of Jesus in how we live?
2. **September 12<sup>th</sup>:** What’s the opposite of faith? Taking shortcuts limits God’s work in our lives
3. **September 19<sup>th</sup>:** Exercising the muscle of faith – it’s got to be exercised!
4. **September 26<sup>th</sup>:** Houston, we have a problem. How lack of faith is impacting Christians in America.
5. **October 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Faith’s role in salvation – stepping to *Sanctification* from *Justification*.
6. **October 10<sup>th</sup>:** The Power to Move Mountains and the peace that surpasses all understanding.

