FALTH+HOPE+LOVE

Faith Is

Sunday, November 13, 2022 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

¹² Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. ¹³ Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 NLT

12 We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! 13 But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 MSG

¹ Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. **Hebrews 11:1** NLT

Faith is...

- 1. Believing even when we don't see it
- 2. Obeying even when we don't understand
- 3. Worshipping even when we don't <u>feel</u> <u>like</u> <u>it</u>
- 4. Trusting even when we don't get it

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6** NLT

⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 NLT

²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 NLT

Next Steps: □ Commit to trust in God and obey him when I know what he wants me to do □ I will let go of my own understanding and obey God in my life: □ Pray every day this week and ask God to increase my faith (knowing that God will test my "trust and obedience") □ Read Hebrews 11 this week □