



Part 1: Faith Lessons For A Bigger And Better Life! | Jeff Brawner

Hebrews 11:6 (GW) -- **No one** can please **God** without **faith**.

**Faith Lesson #1:**  
**God-Pleasing, Life-Enhancing Faith Is Always ...**  
**REASON-Based!**

John 9:35 (NLT) -- (Jesus asked), "Do you **believe** in the **Son of Man?**"

Acts 16:31 (NIV) -- (Paul and Silas said), "**Believe** in the **Lord Jesus**, and you will be saved--you and your household."

Mark 4:35-41

**Faith Lesson #2:**  
**God-Pleasing, Life-Enhancing Faith Is Always ...**  
**STAGES-Based!**

- Just as there's an "**infancy stage**" physically, there's a "**newborn stage**" spiritually!

John 3:1-4

1 Peter 2:2 (NLT) -- Like **newborn babies**, you must **crave pure spiritual milk** so that **you will grow** into a **full experience** of **salvation**.

- The "**infancy stage**" is followed by the "**childhood stage**", physically and spiritually!

Ephesians 4:14 (MSG) -- No **prolonged infancies** among us, please.

- Next comes the **adolescent/teenage stage**, physically and spiritually, often characterized by the word "**testing!**"

Acts 17:11 (GW) -- The people of Berea ... received God's message, and they **carefully examined** the Scriptures to **see if what Paul said** was **true**.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 (TLB) -- **Test everything** that is **said** to be **sure it is true**, and if it is, then accept it.

- The "**adult stage**", in life and faith, is one of **greater experience** and **appreciation** for **who God is** and what **he's called us to do!**

2 Timothy 1:12 (MSG) -- I couldn't be **more sure of my ground**—the **One I've trusted in** can **take care of** what **he's trusted me to do ...**

**Faith Lesson #3:**  
**God-Pleasing, Life-Enhancing Faith Is Always ...**  
**OBEDIENCE-Based!**

Acts 20:22 (GNB)  
(Paul says) – And now, **in obedience** to the Holy Spirit I am going to Jerusalem, **not knowing** what will happen to me there.

Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)  
By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, **obeyed** and went, even though **he did not know where he was going**.