

# Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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SEE 2 Timothy 2:22, part 2 *“Pursue faith, love, and peace; and enjoy the companionship of those who call upon the name of the Lord with pure hearts.”*

## Pursue faith



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## FAITH LESSON 12 of 14

Hebrews 11:1 VOICE

“Faith is the assurance of things you have hoped for, the absolute **conviction** that there are realities you’ve never seen.”

Hebrews 11:3 VOICE

“Through faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God; **everything** we now see, what is now visible, was fashioned from the invisible.”

Romans 4:16 CEV

“Everything depends on having faith in God, so that God’s **promise** is assured, is guaranteed, by His gift of undeserved grace. This promise isn’t only for Abraham’s descendants who have the Law. It is for **ALL** who are Abraham’s descendants because they have **faith**, just as he did. Abraham is the **ancestor** of us ALL.”

Colossians 2:7 GNT

“Keep your roots deep in Him, build your **lives** on Him, and become **stronger** in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with **thanksgiving** and gratitude.”

*Jesus studied the Bible, the Word of God. Luke 2:52 says that Jesus GREW in wisdom. He studied what earlier prophets wrote about God, and those prophets wrote about what they experienced, and what they learned from those who wrote down THEIR experiences before THEM. All the way back to Adam and Eve.*

Luke 2:52 EXB

“Jesus became **wiser** and grew physically [grew in wisdom and stature/height]. People liked Him, and He pleased God.”

*[This is almost an exact quote, a biblical pattern that first described the young prophet Samuel – 1 Samuel 2:26 “The boy Samuel grew physically and pleased the Lord and the people.”]*

SAMUEL

*Samuel was a man, just like us, but as far as we can tell, he didn’t live for his own agenda – he lived FOR God.*

- He listened to God intently. 1 Samuel 3:10 “Here I am, Lord!” And this was at a time when the word of God was RARE in Israel. 1 Samuel 3:1 “The **Word** of the Lord was rare in those days; there were no frequent visions.”
- Samuel prioritized God. 1 Samuel 3:19 “As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him. He made **everything** Samuel said come true; let none of Samuel’s words ‘fall to the ground.’”
- Samuel had compassion for God’s people. 1 Samuel 12:23 “...as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by **ceasing** to pray for you, and I will **instruct** you in the good and the right way.”

“Faith is not **willing** ourselves to believe. Rather, faith is **acting** when we don’t see. And usually, God calls upon us to act **as part of our deliverance**. He doesn’t swoop in to save the day. He calls us to step forward, even into the absurd. Then He acts. Then He delivers. [see Exodus 14:12-16] Are you sitting around waiting for God to deliver you? Do you sound like Moses telling yourself to stand and see God’s deliverance? MOVE FORWARD! Moving forward into what seems impossible is the greatest act of faith.”

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