

Women's Bible Study

Follows
Lessons 22 and 23

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF
THE BOOK OF JOB

AND THE LORD
Blessed
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WALKING IN THE DARK

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- ^{NKJ} **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- ^{NKJ} **Hebrews 11:6** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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- At the heart of the meaning is the idea of certainty.
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- The basic root idea is firmness or certainty. It means “to be sure” , "to be certain about", "to be assured."

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- ^{CSB} **Psalm 119:151** You *are* near, O LORD, And all Your commandments *are* [true](#).
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- ^{NET} **Psalm 119:151** You are near, O LORD, and all your commands are [reliable](#).

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- Faith is the **Reality, the assurance**, of things hoped for.
- Faith is being **sure** of what we hope for, Faith is the **confidence** of what we hope for.

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- I'm unable to locate the **presence** of God, but I trust Him.
- I'm unable to understand the **plan** of God, but I trust Him.
- I'm unable to justify the **permissions** of God, but I trust Him.
(Swindoll)
- I'm unable to grasp the **power** of God, but I trust Him.

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- Step 1. **Hold** the truth that God can do whatever He wants with us in our hearts and minds.
- Step 2. With open hands, **surrender and submit** our whole life to Him.

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- Regarding the PERMISSIONS of the Lord
- Step 1. Continue in His right ways
- Step 2. Wait for Him to act.

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- The **weather** is shown to be under God's power and authority in **Job 26:8-9**. ⁸ He enfolds the waters in His clouds, yet the clouds do not burst beneath their weight. ⁹ He obscures the view of *His* throne, spreading His cloud over it.

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- God controls the mysterious **seamonsters**
- **Job 26:12-13** ¹² By His power He stirred the sea, and by His understanding He crushed Rahab. ¹³ By His breath the heavens gained their beauty; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent

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- Regarding the POWER of the Lord
- Our final step of faith is to Believe that the world that you live in is under the watchful eye of the Lord, it belongs to Him, and He is in control.

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No class on
Sunday Feb 5

NEXT CLASS: Feb 12

Homework:

Lessons 24 and 25

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