



# Good News From Chardon

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## Faith in . . . Faith?

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Recently I reached into a closet to get some trash bags. I was in sort of a hurry, so I did not bother to turn on enough light to see the bags. I remembered that I had previously placed them on the top shelf of the closet, so I reached upward for them. To my surprise, they were not there. I knew that I had put them there, so I began to feel about for them, and finally felt them down at the bottom of the shelf, where they had fallen. Confident that I had placed them on the top shelf, I logically believed that they had fallen. Instead of turning on the light, in faith I reached down and picked them up.

My actions in regard to the closet demonstrate trust in myself and past actions. We use trust (faith) daily, by believing in people and things. But, somehow, people want to make faith itself divine when they speak of believing in God. Sometimes people speak of “leaning on” their faith to get them through a crisis. At other times, someone may speak of their “brand” of faith—In an obituary, the deceased may be described as being “of the \_\_\_\_\_ faith.” (Insert denomination or religion).

It seems to me that the act of believing is made to be the powerful force rather than the object of the faith. In all my life, I should lean on God, through faith..

Let me see if I can explain myself a little more clearly. Take Abraham, for example. In Hebrews 11:8, it is said, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.” But on what basis did Abraham go out? Was it an illogical trust? Was it blind faith in a being he had no dealings with previously? I submit to you that it was neither. In fact, though all of Hebrews 11 deals with deeds done through faith, the object of, and the facilitator of the mighty deeds was God himself. Faith was the avenue by which God was allowed to work in the lives of those listed in that great chapter. Without God, they were nothing. They could have trusted in someone else—and failed.

When I choose to trust, my trust (faith) is only as good as the object of that trust. My actions are based upon my understanding and interaction with the object before I place my trust in it. Some like to describe faith as being illogical or as a better “felt-than-told” experience. However, just as we allow ourselves to test things on earth, God has sent forth revelation in written form that can be documented (Matthew 4:4, 7, 11). He also sent his son at a particular time in history (Galatians 4:4), the act itself, which can be verified by history.

Though faith is a beautiful word and provokes powerful images, we must understand that our faith is only as good as the object of it (Proverbs 3:5, 6). It is not an end in itself. Faith in faith is empty.

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### Schedule of Services:

**Greeting:** Mark

**Song Leader:** Mark

**Opening Hymn:**

185—Who Will Follow Jesus

**Opening Prayer:**

Dale

**Hymn:**

90—Into Our Hands

**Scripture Reading:**

Ryan

Matthew 4:3-11

**Hymn:**

299—Lead Me To Calvary

**Lord's Supper:**

Myron & Ron

**Hymn:**

208—I'll Be A Friend

**Sermon:** Mark

**Invitation Hymn:**

4—I Am Thine, O Lord

**Closing Hymn:**

332—To Christ Be True

**Closing Prayer:** Ray

# PRAYER LIST

\*Rebecca is home following her mother's funeral..

\*Nina's eye exam revealed that she has a cyst in her eye and will be seeing a specialist soon.

\*The Johnston's are recovering from the automobile accident.

\*Physical therapy is helping Mary with her shoulder pain.

\*Nina's brother, James is receiving radiation treatments for lung cancer.

\*Robert and Sara

\*Pat and Ron.

\*Juanita and her family.

\*Larry and Ruth

\*Dale in reference to his work, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family. His friend Zarna and her family.

\*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

# CALENDAR

Aug. 25—Bible Study 10 am

Tom

Aug. 25—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Mark

Aug. 28—Bible Study 7 pm

Rob

Sept. 1—Bible Study 10 am

Sept. 1—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Mark

Sept. 1—Potluck

Sept. 1—b. Juanita

Sept. 2—b. Nina

Sept. 4—Bible Study 7 pm

Rob

Sept. 4—Austin

Sept. 5—b. David

Sept. 8—Bible Study 10 am

Sept. 8—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Answer to Puzzle: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

# It Is Written

Matthew 4:3-11

AGAINST	ANGELS	ANSWERED	BECOME
BEHOLD	BREAD	CHARGE	COMMAND
DEVIL	EXCEEDINGLY	GLORY	HANDS
JESUS	KINGDOMS	MINISTERED	MOUNTAIN
PINNACLE	SATAN	SERVE	SHALL
SHOWED	STONE	TEMPLE	TEMPTER
THEIR	THESE	THINGS	THROW
WORLD	WORSHIP	WRITTEN	YOURSELF

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“Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.” Napoleon Bonaparte

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study — 7:00 pm

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