

Monday - April 11

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

I can't remember a time when I didn't have a relationship with God. I grew up in a Christian home. I went to Sunday school while my parents went to church and I joined them in church when I was older. I longed to continue this relationship with God as I went through my school years and into college. Today, I'm in church almost every Sunday or watching remotely. I even try to find a church to go to when on vacation - being in weekly fellowship with other believers is very important to me.

My relationship with God has grown stronger through service opportunities and small group Bible studies. I have served as a Stephan Minister, am a member of the All In Community that works as an advocate to help incarcerated people as they re-enter society, and write letters to a person in prison through the Hope Letters group of our church. These settings help me to reflect on who I am and what God continues to call me to be. Jesus served others. Jesus washed the disciple's feet to show service and to encourage the disciples to do the same. I think Jesus always asks us to serve not as just a way to do good for others, but He knows serving others helps to build up our faith and our connection to God. The more we live into our faith, the more our faith is strengthened and fortified. As our faith grows, we grow, and God's kingdom grows bigger and stronger.

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Prayer: Loving God and Father, help us and lead us to be more like You. Help us to see what we can do to help our neighbors near and far. Allow our actions, deeds, and words show that we love our neighbors as ourselves and in turn show honor and glory to You. In Jesus name. Amen.