Faith: Responding to God

Chapter 9 Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

The participants will examine faith as a gift from God that we can choose whether to accept.

The participants will explore faith in the three elements of believing, trusting, and doing.

The participants will reflect on the happiness and security that only God can provide.

Content Summary

1. Faith is believing in God, but it is also accepting that God made himself known through Jesus Christ,   
 and living our lives based on that belief.

2. Faith is entrusting our lives to God.

3. Faith is a gift from God, yet it is also a choice we make.

4. We express our faith when we proclaim the Nicene Creed. Faith is an individual response to God, and   
 also an act of the entire Church.

5. Faith is built on belief and leads to trust. In faith we allow God to guide our lives, leading to joy and   
 happiness in this life and in the next.

6. Faith means acting on what we believe and doing small things with great love.

7. Faith means believing in one God, and allowing nothing else to take the place of God in our lives.

8. We have come from God and, through Jesus Christ and his Church, we can return to God.

9. We can be like Christ by doing God’s will—that is, choosing good and working for good in all   
 circumstances.

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