

# A FRESH PERSPECTIVE | WEEK 03

Where Faith Goes to Die | April 30th



## WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

The word \_\_\_\_\_ has become synonymous with the word \_\_\_\_\_.

“Faith” as a synonym for “belief” leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

Dogmatism leads to certainty which hardens the \_\_\_\_\_.

Faith as a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ of living with God always dies on the altar of certainty.

## EXPLORING A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON FAITH

A Fresh Perspective honors that faith has always been \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christian tradition.

\_\_\_\_\_ spoke about and responded to faith. (Matt 8:10, 9:2, 9:22)

\_\_\_\_\_ wrote about faith's power to transform the world. (Gal 3:8, I Thess 1:2-3)

Faith is especially important in the \_\_\_\_\_ tradition.

A Fresh Perspective on faith \_\_\_\_\_ the rich meanings of the word “faith.”

Faith as \_\_\_\_\_: to give one's mental assent to a proposition.

Three foundational affirmations of \_\_\_\_\_ Faith:

The Reality of \_\_\_\_\_

The Centrality of \_\_\_\_\_

The Centrality of the \_\_\_\_\_

Faith as assent is rather \_\_\_\_\_. (James 2:19)

Faith as \_\_\_\_\_: A radical trust in God. (Psalm 59:17)

Faith as \_\_\_\_\_: Faithfulness to our relationship with God. (Exo 20:3, Lk 10:27)

Faith as \_\_\_\_\_: A way of seeing the essence of reality. (Matt 6:26)

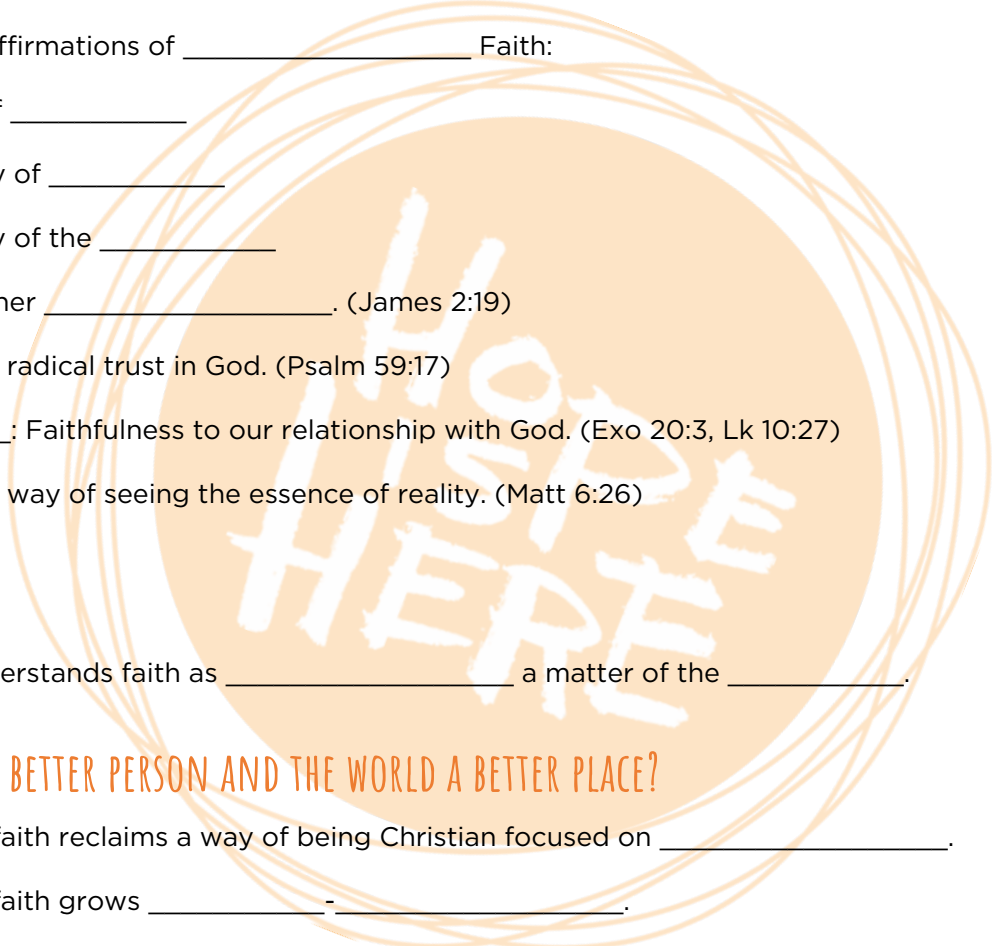
## DON'T MISS THIS!

A Fresh Perspective understands faith as \_\_\_\_\_ a matter of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

A Fresh Perspective on faith reclaims a way of being Christian focused on \_\_\_\_\_.

A Fresh Perspective on faith grows \_\_\_\_\_.



## WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Take some time to consider whether my understanding of faith is more about statements I must believe in or living a life of loving what God loves.
2. Jump into one of the Conversation Groups.
3. Embrace a Fresh Perspective on faith that is about more about trust, fidelity, and vision and less about assenting to the right doctrines.

## THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. Would you say that your primary way of understanding faith has been believing in a set of statements or doctrines about God? What were some statements that you had to believe to be a Christian?
2. Do you think Jesus was talking about belief in a set of statements when he recognized the faith of the centurion, the blind man or woman with the blood disorder? If not, what do you think he might have meant by the word 'faith'?
3. What freedom does understanding faith as primarily a matter of the heart (and not the head) bring to you?
4. Which do you think is a more challenging way to live by faith: loving what God loves or believing the right things about God?

