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# WHAT EXACTLY IS FAITH?

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HEBREWS 11:6

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### HE IS REAL...

"anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists"

HEBREWS 11:6

### THE COMMON OBJECTIONS:

Science

Hypocrisy

Suffering

## FAITH IS LIVING AS IF HE IS THERE.

"The answer to the temptation of nihilism is not an argument—though philosophy can clear away a lot of intellectual foolishness. It is the experience of transcendence we cannot explain, or explain away... there is this difference for a Christian believer: At the end of all our striving and longing we find, not a force, but a face."

MICHAEL GERSON

## HE IS RESPONSIVE...

"he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

HEBREWS 11:6

### PSALM 9:10

<sup>10</sup> Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

# FAITH IS TRUSTING IN HIS CHARACTER

"he rewards those who earnestly seek him."
HEBREWS 11:6

# OUR EARNESTNESS AND GOD'S EAGERNESS...

### LUKE 11:11-13

<sup>11</sup> "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

#### ACTS 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

#### ACTS 2:1-4

<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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