

The Confidence of Hope



Faith is confidence in
what we hope for
and assurance about
what we do not see.

~Hebrews 11:1

FAITH AND HOPE

are intertwined, and this verse in Hebrews tells us that we do not need to see what we hope for in order for it to be real. We can believe in a world without violence and oppression, where there is equality and justice, and no one goes hungry. A world in which there are no natural disasters and no wars. This is a utopia, a dream. But if we do not dream, how can we know what we want to achieve? Faith changes lives radically, I'm sure you can testify to how God has worked in your life, changing things you didn't think could change. Maybe God set you free from something, provided for you, put people in your life, or comforted you when you were afraid.

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We believe in a God who has done things, big and small, in our own lives. This same God has a vision of the world that is radically different to the way it currently looks. Let's bring heaven to earth together, confidently believing that we are in partnership with a God who makes a way, even when we cannot see one.

'In a world of fear and anxiety, you empower us to live lives of wholeness, lives that make the world whole and turn it right side up. Embolden us as those who know they are called by your name. Amen'⁶



⁶Walter Brueggemann, *A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent* page 61.