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Sermon – Resolve to... (Believe)

Scripture – Hebrews 11:1 & 10:19-39, John 14:5-14

Main Message: Belief, Hope, Faith, Trust.... Are you really sure you know how these apply to your life?

Can you believe it, 2022 is almost upon us. I hope you have a very healthy and happy New Year. I have faith that God will bring us through it and I trust that you all can be assured that we at Fair Haven Community Church will continue to persevere in doing what is right in God's sight.

We speak this way often don't we? Wrapped in my opening statement are words we use casually in our conversation, but for our FAITH, they have a more powerful interpretation. Each year following Christmas I try to bring some amount of focus to a different topic for the upcoming year. This year I am going to start by making you think through in much greater depth how these words apply to us.

Belief – Do you believe? Well, I will put that to the test.

Hope – What do you hope for?... and is it right or wrong.

Faith – How strong is your faith? Maybe we will find out?

Trust – Who do you trust? I hope you say God, but do you really?

To begin with, Hebrews 11:1 says this: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Understanding these words may take a little doing but living the fulness of this statement is our focus for 2022 because this is the foundation of POWER that CHRISTIANS are going to need to tackle the many woes of this world.

Sometimes the chapter/verse thing gets in the way of a more complete understanding so lets go back into chapter 10 and see how we got there.

Read from **Hebrews 10:19-39**

So, do we believe what has been written? If so, then where is the evidence of that power over the things of this world?

Here is what Jesus told his disciples.

Read **John 14:14-15**

Jesus spoke about belief and it is vital. DOUBT has clouded our minds. Doubt has left us vulnerable to placing our trust in things we ought not to do, doubt has supplanted our faith in God and putting us back in the driver seat to decide how to get it done.

Let me be clear. We have no power without God. Belief unlocks that power. Faith magnifies it with substance, Hope is presents itself to others and trust is our confidence.