

FAITH

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The evidence of the unseen

Authentic Faith

¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV)

¹Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. ²Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

Hebrews 11:1-2 (NLT)

Faith is Confident Expectation in the Presence, Power, and Provision of the Unseen God

1. **Presence:** His **loving** nearness.
2. **Power:** His **creative** ability.
3. **Provision:** His amazing **generosity**.

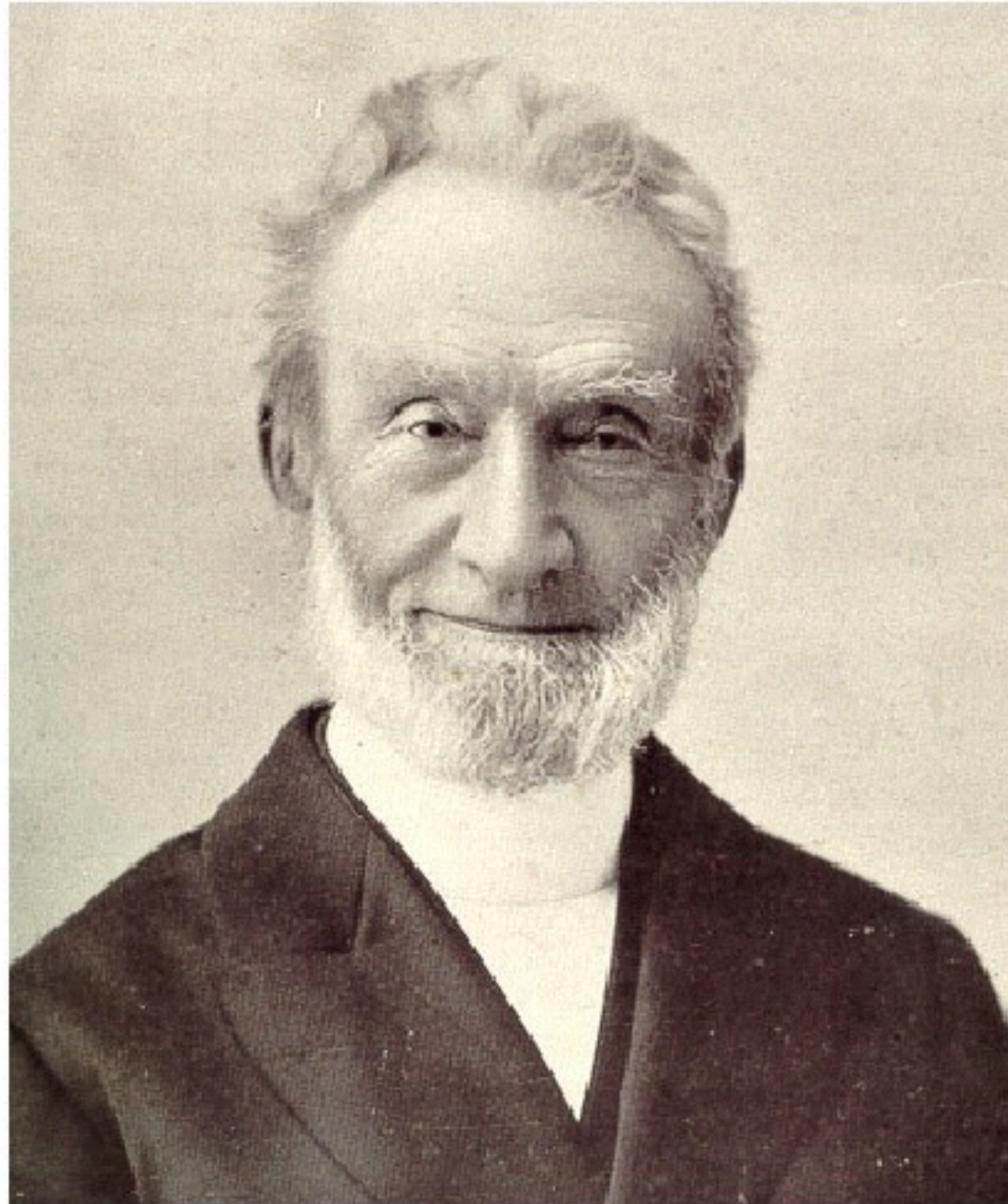
Faith believes the unseen God operates from **His unseen world** but manifests into **our seen world**.

“Faith apprehends as a real fact what is not revealed to the sense. It rests on that fact, acts upon it, and is upheld by it in the face of all that seems to contradict it. Faith is real seeing.” - Kenneth Wuest

GEORGE MUELLER

1805-1898

Fed, housed, and clothed over 10,000 orphans without ever making a financial request.



“The children are dressed and ready for school. But there is no food for them to eat,” the housemother of the orphanage informed George Mueller. George asked her to take the 300 children into the dining room and have them sit at the tables. He thanked God for the food and waited. George knew God would provide food for the children as he always did. Within minutes, a baker knocked on the door. “Mr. Mueller,” he said, “last night I could not sleep. Somehow I knew that you would need bread this morning. I got up and baked three batches for you. I will bring it in.” Soon, there was another knock at the door. It was the milkman. His cart had broken down in front of the orphanage. The milk would spoil by the time the wheel was fixed. He asked George if he wanted some free milk. George smiled as the milkman brought in ten large cans of milk. It was just enough for the 300 thirsty children.

- From *The Autobiography of George Mueller*

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Jesus is the Object of Our Faith:

¹...Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, **the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

THE ZONES OF THE LIFE OF FAITH

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” - John 10:10

