

THE LIFE OF
faith

I. INTRODUCTION

A. But My righteous one shall live by faith
(Heb. 10:38)

B. And without faith it is impossible to please
Him... (Heb. 11:6)

**II. TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE - THE SERMON ON
THE MOUNT (MATT. 5-7)**

A. Outlook of the crowd

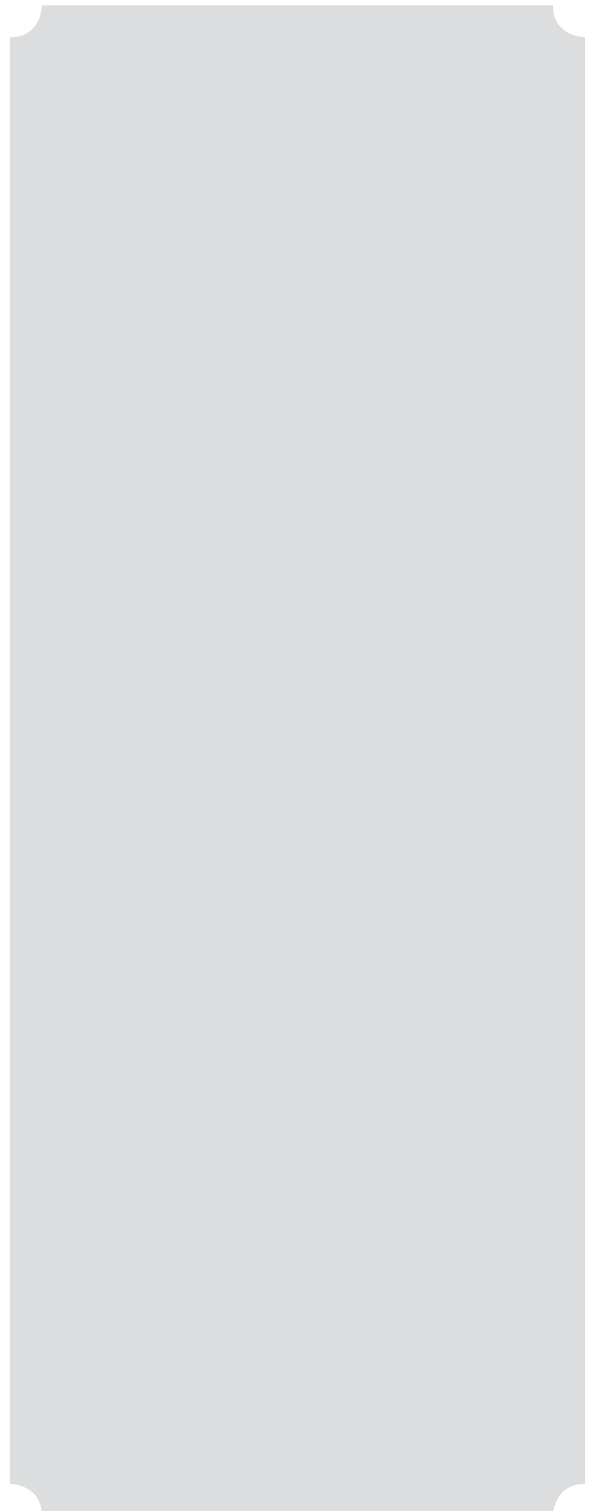
1. All believed in God
2. All believed that God had revealed the truth
3. All had been instructed inaccurately on what that truth meant.

B. Jesus accurately reveals what that Word said.

1. All who heard had two alternative patterns of thought.

C. Jesus demands a response. (Matt. 7:24)

1. If you hear these words
2. And act on them



III. TEMPTATION OF EVE

A. Her situation

1. No doubt about the existence of God
2. No doubt about the goodness of God
3. Fully aware of the directive of God

B. The Serpent - An alternative take on the situation

1. Does not argue about the existence of God
2. Appeals to her God-given desire to reach the highest good
3. Challenges the truthfulness of the Word of God
4. Argues that the greatest potential for her life will come by making full use of the created realm

C. Eve's dilemma - two alternative paths to fulfillment

1. Paths

- a) Life is found in a right relationship with God.
- b) Life is found in the full use of the created realm.

2. Eve must act.

- a) She will believe one or the other.
- b) She will take action on what she believes.

