



“Simply Christmas”
Part 2

Preaching Point: A faith that behaves delights the heart of God.

1. **Some Facts of Faith**

a. *Its Definition* (**Hebrews 11:1**)

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.” ___ Martin Luther King

b. *Its Necessity* (**Hebrews 11:6 cf. Romans 14:23; Hebrews 10:38**)

c. *Its Perfection*

- We must feed it (**Romans 10:17; John 5:39**)

- We must pray for it (**Mark 9:24**)

- Trials mature it (**James 1:2-4**)

“Sometimes God allows what he hates to accomplish what he loves.” ___ Joni Erickson Tada

2. **Some Stories of Faith**

a. *Joseph's Story* (**Matthew 1:18-25**)

b. *Mary's Story* (**Luke 1:26-38**)

“True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than the moral perfections of the One who cannot lie.” ___ A.W. Tozer