

# The Title Deed

FROM THE BOOK: CHAPTERS 5 AND 8

## THE BIG IDEA

*Faith isn't a leap in the dark. The Bible's own definition makes it the foundation under your hope and the evidence you stand on.*

**KEY WORD** *hypostasis* (Greek): “that which stands under”. A foundation, and in ancient legal papers, a title deed.

**READ** Hebrews 11:1–12; Romans 4:18–21

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

## THINK IT OVER

1 Who in your life has earned your trust through a track record, and how did they earn it?

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2 Faith as the foundation under your hope, or faith as evidence: which picture helps you more right now? Why?

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3 What evidence of God's reliability are you standing on? Where does your faith still feel more like a guess?

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**THIS WEEK** Keep a track record. Each day, write down one piece of evidence that God can hold your weight: a promise, an answered prayer, a time something held. Not sure about God? Write down what your current view is standing on. At the end of the week, ask: is this a guess, or something I can stand on?

**READ BEFORE NEXT WEEK** Chapters 9 and 12