SERMON ON 22ND MARCH 2020.

Welcome to our 4th Sunday in the lent season.

REFLECTION ON FAITH FROM HEBREWS 11:1FF.

Faith is a reality in one's life and one begins to believe in God when he accepts this gift from God. One does not struggle to acquire it, but struggles to keep it and promote it. The issue is what to do with it. We therefore try

to keep it and not loose the gift. Because when we loose faith in God we loose the self and we stop growing, and we fail to achieve our purpose of existence. Like now when the world is faced by this pandemic of covid-19 many Christians are tested where is their faith in God. When one loses the faith or tampers with it he or she loses his spiritual direction in his or her life.

This is because faith is a principle of life that God has placed in us to guide us and go back to Him.

Faith in God determines our way of life here on earth and influences our future life in heaven.

Faith should be taken seriously by every Christian. The following happens when we have faith;

A) In faith we see God calling us to be His disciples.

- B) It's by faith that people marry .
- C) It's in faith that we're ordained as elders and ministers of gospel.
- D) It's in faith that we actively participate in sacraments.
- E) It's in faith that we are able to penetrate the mysteries of God.
- F) It's is in faith that we build a common identity of Christ.

- G) It's by faith we have a common spiritual goal.
- H) It's by faith we are able to interrelate in each other's life.
- It's is in faith that we are able to forgive each other.

Faith determines how we relate to ourselves, to others and to God. When we have faith we enter into the deepest self, our inner self, and are able to see what there is in the conscious.

It's faith that motivates the person to change to a better life.

The life can only become better if our faith is directed to God. Faith is something that is invisible but it's felt by not only believers of the same faith but by all people who come into contact with a man of faith. That's why faith works wonders. Corona virus is going to be defeated in Jesus name.

Faith uplifts the life of a person and elevates him to a state of spiritual in life, and a person begins to see things spiritually. His or her faith influences his inner life and physical life.

The faith in God is action oriented. This means that when one receives the gift of faith one cannot remain the same anymore. He or she is to act in a holy manner. And his or her holy action gives a

spiritual impact on the people that he or she encounters.

In the text that we have read shows us the icon of faith and how their persevered until they overcame.

They were men of faith who had the following characteristics.

- 1) They were faithful to their God.
- 2) They waited patiently for God to act.
- 3) They were prayerful.

- 4) They were thankful to God no matter the situation they found themselves in.
- 5) They let the will of God to prevail.

Finally brethren let's imitate these men and our God will not ashame us. The lord bless you and keep you, The lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, The lord lift his countenance to you and give you peace.

AMEN!