

## **Confident Faith – Confident in God’s Character**

### **Hebrews 11: 1-3, Genesis 1-2**

We live in a world that is changing rapidly. We constantly hear of climate change and the need to reverse some of our behaviors for the betterment and sustainability of the earth. Technology is changing at rapid rates to the point where it is hard to keep up. People’s value systems are changing, leaving us vulnerable to the whims of culture. All the changes are sometimes mind numbing.

There is one constant amidst all the changes however and that is God. Despite the rapid change around us, God is self-existent, he is eternal, infinite and immutable. We can be confident in God as our Creator-confident in his character-that he has not and will not change, ever!

The second doctrine of The Salvation Army states, “We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.”

We have heard a lot about the Big Bang theory. Some believe that the world was not really created but came into existence through an explosion. I have always maintained that while I don’t know just how God created the earth, God was behind it all, He spoke, and the world was created! He set the stars in place and aligned everything to work as it should. Creation was not a random act! God is not the author of confusion and chaos. His creation was a well-orchestrated event that accomplished his purpose and set in motion a grand story for all of us to know and embrace.

Hebrews 11 begins a whole chapter of the character of God and who he truly is in his faithfulness, mercy and deliverance. It was at his command that the earth came into existence, and the crown of his creation was man himself-created in the very image of the Creator God.

An old song by Stuart Hamblen from many years ago still speaks to me. In “How Big is God, he wrote:

Though men may strive to go beyond the reach of space,  
To crawl beyond the distant glimmering stars,  
This world’s a room so small within my Master’s house,  
The open skies but a portion of his yard.

How big is God? How big and wide his vast domain?  
To try to tell, these lips can only start.  
He's big enough to rule this mighty universe,  
Yet small enough to live within my heart.

That is the beauty of God our Creator. He not only creates, preserves and governs all things, he has chosen to be in relationship with those created in his image.

What shakes your confidence? Whatever your answer to that question, we have the assurance that the God who created this world and created us is one in whom we can place our complete confidence. While things around us are constantly changing-God does not. We are reminded in the beautiful song...

Your promise still stands,  
Great is your faithfulness, faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands,  
This is my confidence,  
You've never failed me yet

We can possess a confident faith because of the confidence we have in the character of God!