

# The Types of Faith

# What is Faith?

- Our belief in what we can't observe
- Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

# Minding The Gap

Our  
observa  
tions

Faith

Conclu  
sions

# Blind Faith

- Believes because it can
- Doesn't question
- When placed correctly it can be good
- Genesis 22:2-3 – “Then He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’ 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey...”

# Inherited Faith

- Believing in someone else's faith that we trust
- Usually comes from parents early on
- Can be cultivated into a stronger faith
- 2 Timothy 1:5 – “when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.”

# Agenda-driven faith

- If we believe we're going to find something, we might even if it's not there
- Can cause people to modify truth to their use

# Faith Based on Reason

- Based on evidence and firsthand accounts
- Asks what conclusion is most logical
- Acts 17:11-12 – “These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.”

# Are the first three bad?

- Depends on what we do with them
- We need to develop our own faith based on reason
- We can grow into this from the others



# How do we get our own faith?

- Romans 10:17 – “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- We must develop it ourselves and encourage each other