The background of the slide is a dimly lit, modern interior. In the foreground, a low-profile, dark-colored sofa with light-colored cushions is visible. Behind the sofa, a large, dark-framed abstract painting hangs on the wall. To the left of the painting, two pendant lights with white, bell-shaped shades are suspended from the ceiling. The overall atmosphere is minimalist and contemporary.

# Faith + Deeds

Renier Louwrens

The background of the slide is a dimly lit, modern interior. In the foreground, a low-profile grey sofa with a dark wooden frame and three pillows (two light grey, one dark grey) is visible. Behind the sofa, a large framed abstract painting with dark, organic shapes hangs on the wall. To the left, two white, bell-shaped pendant lights hang from thin cords. The overall atmosphere is calm and contemporary.

# Faith / Deeds

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The background image shows a minimalist interior. A light-colored sofa with three cushions is positioned in the lower half. Above it, two white, bell-shaped pendant lights hang from thin cords. On the wall to the right, there is a framed abstract painting with dark, organic shapes and some gold-colored dots. The overall lighting is soft and even.

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# Best player or best coach?





# Even the best realizes dependence



“If he stops coaching, I stop playing” –  
Michael Jordan



# He changed me



“He changed the way I think, train and play”  
– Michael Jordan



# He made me do different things



“He came in to take the ball out of my hands and I don’t like it” – Michael Jordan



# He changed me



“He changed the way I think, train and play”  
– Michael Jordan



# Even the best realizes dependence



“If he stops coaching, I stop playing” –  
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# But why would MJ change?

If I really believe in someone, then I will obey their words.

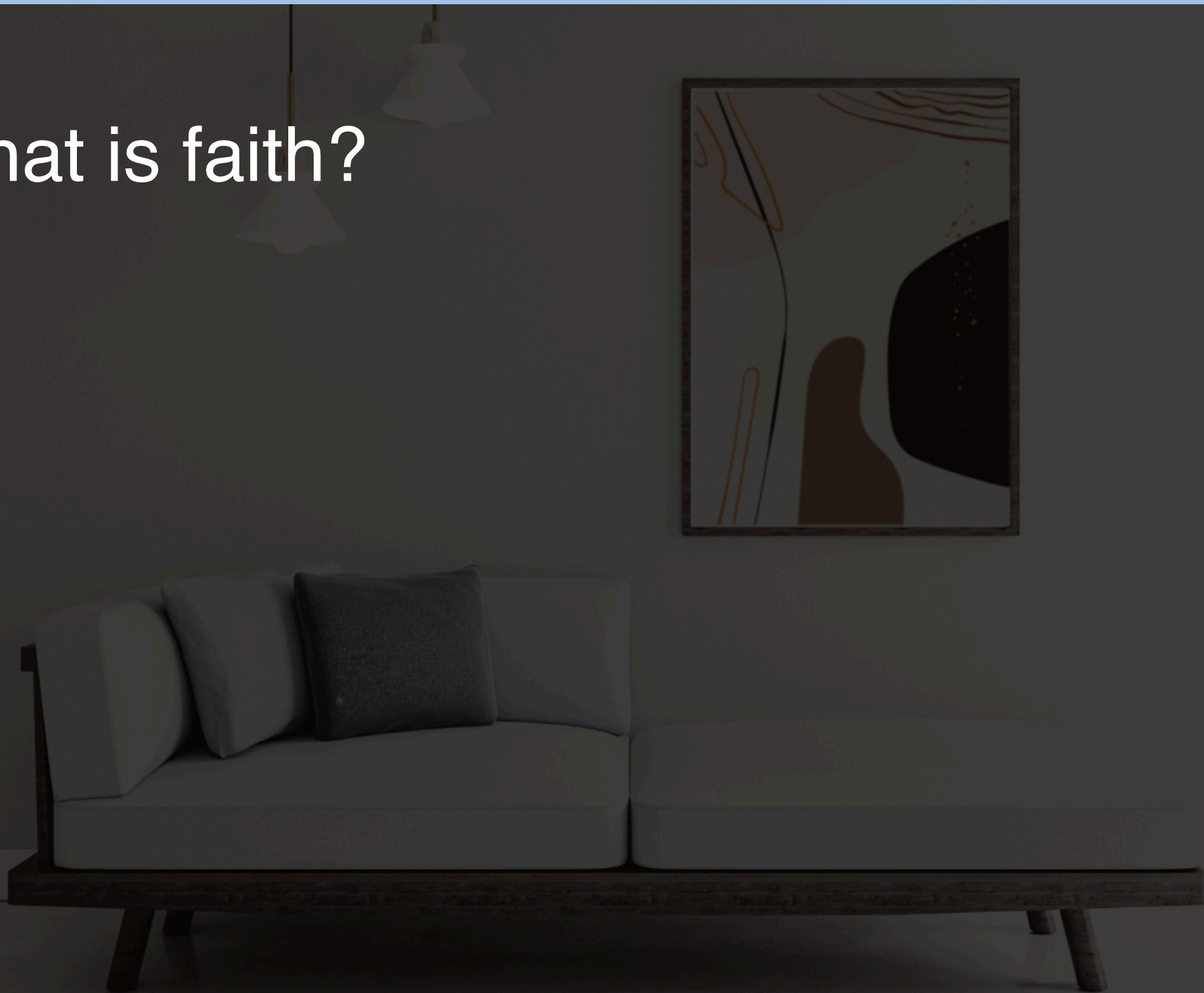
If not so, then:

1. I either don't really believe in them
2. Or I don't believe they want the best for me



# Hebrews 11

What is faith?





# Hebrews 11

Now **faith** is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By **faith** we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.



# Hebrews 11

4By **faith** Abel **brought** God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by **faith** Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

5By **faith** Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who **pleased** God.



# Hebrews 11

6 And without **faith** it is impossible to **please** God, because anyone who **comes** to him must **believe** that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly **seek** him.

7 By **faith** Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear **built** an ark to save his family. By his **faith** he **condemned** the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.



# Hebrews 11

8By **faith** Abraham, when called to **go** to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9By **faith** he **made** his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.



# Hebrews 11

10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by **faith** even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she, Or By **faith** Abraham, even though he was too old to have children—and Sarah herself was not able to conceive—was **enabled** to become a father because he considered him **faithful** who had made the promise.



# Hebrews 11

17 By **faith** Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a **sacrifice**. He who had **embraced** the promises was about to **sacrifice** his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” 19 Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.



# Hebrews 11

20 By **faith** Isaac **blessed** Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

21 By **faith** Jacob, when he was dying, **blessed** each of Joseph's sons, and **worshiped** as he leaned on the top of his staff.

22 By **faith** Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and **gave** **instructions** concerning the burial of his bones.



# Hebrews 11

23By **faith** Moses' parents **hid** him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

24By **faith** Moses, when he had **grown up, refused** to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.



# Hebrews 11

25He **chose** to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.



# Hebrews 11

27 By **faith** he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he **persevered** because he saw him who is invisible. 28 By **faith** he **kept** the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.



# Hebrews 11

29 By **faith** the people **passed** through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

30 By **faith** the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.



# Hebrews 11

31 By **faith** the prostitute Rahab, because she **welcomed** the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. Or unbelieving

32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets,



# Hebrews 11

33who through **faith conquered** kingdoms, **administered justice**, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

# James 2

14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?



# James 2

17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

18 But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

19 You believe that there is one God.

Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

2:20 Some early manuscripts read

# James 2

21 Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend.



# James 2

24 You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? 26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

# What I believe is what I do



Enron, whose leaders went to jail,  
and which went bankrupt from fraud,  
had these values displayed in their lobby:



Integrity  
Communication  
Respect  
Excellence



**NETFLIX**

(These values were not, however, what was really valued at Enron)

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## Hebrews 11 vs James 2



# John 3

36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.




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# Maria Magdalene



I was one way... and now  
I am completely different.

# Maria Magdalene



And the thing that happened  
in between... was Him.



# Feeds

First I was like this

Now I'm different



# Feeds

First I was like this  Now I'm different



# Feeds

First I was like this  Now I'm different

And how I know that is  
by the change in my  
actions.

# How does these actions look like?

1. Ask what I can repent of  
**Repent**
2. Ask where I can change  
**Create accountability**

