FAITH

WORDS FOR FAITH

- "faith" and "believe" are rare in OT; almost 500 times in NT
- idea is frequent in OT (believe, trust, hope)
- examples of people with faith in OT: doctrine of faith in NT
 - faith (Deut 31:10, Hab V:4) OT faith is same as NT faith (Paul, Hebrews)
 - trust God's Word Psa 119:42
 - usually faith in God Himself **Prov 3:5**

is certainty that God will do as He says.

King James Versio

qal participle (continual support) strong arms of parent supporting infant (Isa 60:4) posts supporting doors of the Temple (2 Kings 18:16)

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hiphil causative (to cause to be certain) • expresses assurance

 horse not standing firm (lob 39:24)

motos (67)

CONCEPT OF FAITH

- basic idea is firmness or certainty
- to believe is to hold on to something firmly-with conviction and confidence
 - steadfastness is sought in the object believed
 - a person who has faith becomes firm and reliable
- believe (44) faith is confidence in a person or message
 - certainty is based on trusting God's word and character
 - biblical faith is not something possible or hopefully true but not certain