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2. Faith is secure because it is certain.

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3. Faith is enough because it is evidenced.

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2. Conviction — the reaction to that assurance

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2. Faith gives us answers in God.

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3. Faith gives us assurance from God.

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- The obedient faith of Able is what gave him approval from God.

4. Faith gives us access to God.

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