



Covenant Community Groups – Interactive Study Guide Week of September 14, 2008

The Essence of Faith: Living by Faith

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- How are faith and perseverance/endurance related? When in your life have faith and endurance/perseverance gone hand-in-hand?
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 - **Present** – are you aware of God's presence? What steps are you taking in your life to know God more?
 - **Future** – what promises does God make that should give hope? Are you filled with hope?
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