# [Faith and Fresh Trust](https://public-api.wordpress.com/bar/?stat=groovemails-events&bin=wpcom_email_click&redirect_to=http%3A%2F%2Ffaithencounters.impart.org%2F2024%2F07%2F11%2Ffaith-and-fresh-trust%2F&sr=0&signature=a5d80032f0bfd9f08a0263e24730d46a&blog_id=127938330&user=d4772d34747c29138d6356de987fff13&_e=&_z=z)

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