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WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

for S.S.A.B. voices with soloist, accompanied*

Words adapted from *HEBREWS 11-12*
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Music by MARK HAYES

In a rock shuffle feel ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 88$) ($\text{♩} = \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩}$)

ACCOMP. *f*

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5 *E^bMA⁷* *B^{b2}/D* *Cm⁷* *Dm⁷* *E^bMA⁷* *C/E* *Cm⁷/F[♯]*

9 *S.1, S.2 f unis.*

A. We've come this far by faith, em -

B. *f*

B^b *A^{7(b5)}* *A^{b13(♯11)}* *Gm⁷* *Gm⁷* *F/G* *Gm⁷* *Fm⁷* *E^{7(b5)}*

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pow-ered by__ the Spir - it and God's a-maz - ing grace.____ Let us

$E^b_{MA}{}^9$ B^{b2}/D Cm^7 E^b/F $D^{(\#)}/F^{\#}$ $D/F^{\#}$

17

fix our eyes on Je - sus and bold - ly run the race,____ for we've

Gm $Gm^{(\#7)}$ Gm^7 C^9

21

come this far by faith! Now

mf unis.

Cm^7 B^b/D E^b E^b/F B^b E^b/B^b B^b E^b/B^b B^{b7}

25

faith is be - ing sure — of what we hope for, —

mf $E^b MA^9$ $E^b MA^7$ B^b/D $GMI^{7/4}$

and

mf

(even eighths)

29

faith is be - ing cer - tain when we do not — see. —

 CMi^7 E^b/F F/B^b B^b

32

33

For if we knew — the fu - ture, we

mel. $AMI^{7(b5)}$ CMi/D D^7

35 *mel.*
could not take it in. — With ev - 'ry step of faith — we

Gm1 Gm1/F B^b/C

38 *unis.* *fp* *cresc.*
take, God gives us just what we need. *fp* *cresc.*

C⁹ C⁷ Dm1⁷ E^b
cresc.

42 43 *f*
We've come this far by faith, *f*

F E^b/G F/A B^b A^{7(b5)} A^{b13(#11)} Gm1⁷ Gm1 F/G Gm1

46 *unis.*

em - pow-ered by__ the Spir - it and God's a - maz - ing grace..

Fm^7 $E^{7(b5)}$ E^bMA^9 B^{b2}/D Cm^7

50 51

— Let us fix our eyes on Je - sus and bold - ly run the race..

E^b/F $D^{(\#5)}/F^{\#}$ $D/F^{\#}$ Gm $Gm^{(\#7)}$ Gm^7

54

— for we've come this far by faith!

C^9 Cm^7 B^b/D E^b E^b/F B^b E^b/B^b B^b

59

58

mf

The saints of old — stepped out — in faith and

E^b/B^b B^7 E^bMA^9 E^bMA^7

mf

61

trust - ed — God — e - ven when — they could —

B^b/D Gmi^7 Cmi^7 E^b/F

64

67

mf

They were mere - ly strang-

— not see the prize. —

B^b $Ami^7(b5)$ Cmi/D

68

- ers just pass - ing through the land, — look - ing for a cit -

mf

D⁷ G^{mi} G^{mi}/F G^{mi}⁷/C C⁹

72

- y far be - yond the skies! — By faith:

cresc. *f*

C^{mi}⁷ B^b/F E^b E^{mi}^{7(b5)} C^{mi}/F B^{b7} E^{b7}

cresc. *f*

75 SOLO (any high voice)
f ad lib.

No ah built an ark — and saved his fam - i - ly. —

S.1, S.2

A.

B.

75

mf

B^{b9}

78

A - bra - ham of - fered up his son.

mf By faith:

78 E^b7

81

Mo - ses

By faith:

81 B^b E^b7 83

84

stood a - gainst _ the might - y Phar - oah's hand. ____

By faith:

84

B^b D⁷/A Gm⁷

87

The walls of Jer - i - cho _ came tum - blin' to the ground! ____

f

By faith:

f

87

cresc.

C⁹ Gm⁷/C C⁹ E^b/F F⁶/₉ B^{b7} E^{b7}

91

We can walk in vic - to - ry — with Je - sus by our side. —

91

mf

94

With the pow'r of the Spir - it we shall

By faith:

94

E^{b9}

97

99

o - ver - come. _____ We be - lieve_

By faith:

97

99

B^{b9} E^{b7}

100

— that we will live e - ter - nal - ly. —

By faith:

100

B^b D⁷/A Gm⁷

103 *cresc.* *ff*

We will see the glo - ry of Je - sus Christ the Son!_

f

Je - sus Christ the Son!_

103 *cresc.* *f*

cresc.

106 *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.* (end solo)

106 *cresc.* *F/G* *D_M/G*

109

f *unis.*

We've come this far by faith, em -

f

C B^{7(b5)} B^{b13(#11)} A^{mi}⁷ A^{mi} G/A A^{mi} G^{mi}⁷ G^{b7(b5)}

113

pow-ered by the Spir - it and God's a-maz - ing grace. Let us

F^{MA}⁹ C²/E D^{mi}⁷ F/G C^(#5)/G# E/G#

117

fix our eyes on Je - sus and bold - ly run the race, for we've

A^{mi} A^{mi}^(#7) A^{mi}⁷ D⁹

121

come this far, oh, we've come this far, yes, we've

Dm⁷ C/E F F/G Dm⁷ C/E F F/G

125

come this far by faith!

High Voices
unis.

Low Voices
unis.

by faith!

Dm⁷ C/E F F/G C⁷

130

We're prais - in' the Lord!

We're com-in' by

F⁹ C⁷ F⁹

133 *rit.* S.1, S.2 *ff*

A. By faith! *ff*

B. *ff*

faith!

C⁷ F⁷ F/G C⁹

rit. *ff*

The musical score is for a three-part setting. The top part (S.1, S.2) is a vocal line starting at measure 133 with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking. It features a *ff* (fortissimo) dynamic and a long, sustained note. The middle part (A. and B.) is a vocal line with lyrics "By faith!" and "faith!". It also features a *ff* dynamic. The bottom part is a piano accompaniment with chords C⁷, F⁷, F/G, and C⁹. It includes a *rit.* marking and a *ff* dynamic. The score is overlaid with a large red watermark that reads "Preview Only Requires Purchase".

We've Come This Far by Faith is an exuberant praise anthem that is appropriate throughout the year and especially for church dedication, stewardship and Pentecost. Featuring a soaring solo for high voice, it also offers optional instrumental accompaniment beautifully arranged by Mark Hayes, and a fully orchestrated accompaniment track. Its text is based upon Hebrews 11 and 12; additional suggested lectionary readings include passages focusing upon Abraham's faith (Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-7; 22: 1-14; 48: 8-16; 50: 22-25), Moses' faith (Exodus 2: 1-10 and 12: 31-51) and Jesus' grace (Proverbs 3: 11-12). One basic homiletical theme is living in the faith, trusting in God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Spirit.

Mark Hayes is an award-winning concert pianist, composer and arranger of choral, piano, and orchestral music. With over 400 published works to his credit, Mark has also recorded numerous solo piano albums and has received the Gospel Music Association's prestigious Dove Award, which is equivalent to a Grammy in gospel music. A graduate of Baylor University, he has served as an adjunct professor of composition at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

