

Hebrews 11

- Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Isaac, Jacob, Gideon—these are just some of the people featured in this chapter.
- And they, along with the others, did some pretty incredible things.
- But this chapter is not as much about them as it about FAITH, because what they did they did by FAITH.
- This chapter is about the power of FAITH.

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- The message to US: Look at what faith can do, in YOUR life!
- Faith defined and described: vv. 1, 6.
 - “assurance...conviction...” (ASV, ESV, NAS).
- Take a look at what faith did for Joseph: Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 50:24–26.

Faith enables us to...

- Offer to God, NOT what pleases us, but what pleases HIM—even if it's very dear to us.
 - 11:4, 17–19.
 - Can't really “see” His approving look, or His disapproving look.
 - “I just can't give up...” Luke 14:25–26, 33.
 - Contrast Judges 17:6 with Hebrews 13:20–21.

Faith enables us to...

- Make whatever preparations are necessary to save ourselves and our families, because we believe the warnings.
 - 11:7.
 - 2 Peter 3:10–12.
 - Not enough to provide for them financially; must provide for them spiritually.

Faith enables us to...

- Obey God, even if we “don’t know where we’re going.”
 - 11:8.
 - Apostles didn’t know.
 - Newly appointed elders don’t know.
 - Newborn Christians don’t know.

Faith enables us to...

- Turn our back on the pleasures of sin.
 - 11:24–27.
 - Think about WHY sin often ensnares us.

Faith enables us to...

- Endure whatever trials and tribulations we have to face.
 - 11:35–38.
 - Persecution (ridicule, mocking); a tough marriage; financial difficulty; brethren who mistreat us; etc.
 - Look who's pulling for us, and look who's waiting at the finish line. Hebrews 12:1–3.