

HEBREWS 11:1-40

November 3-4, 2021



1. Read all of Hebrews 11 thoughtfully. As you consider these faithful men and women, what are some words that come to your mind?
2. Read Hebrews 11:1-3. What are the two components of faith described in verse 1?

Using a dictionary or your own words, define assurance and conviction.

3. Read Hebrews 11:4-6. What good things resulted from Abel's faith?

What good things resulted from Enoch's faith?

4. Read Hebrews 11:6 again. What can we determine about genuine faith in this verse?

What do we learn about some of the ways God rewards our faith in the following verses?

Genesis 15:5-6

Matthew 5:10-12

Hebrews 10:34-36, 39

Think about a current circumstance in your life that requires ongoing faith in order to trust and obey God. Does remembering God is pleased by faith spur you on? How so?

5. Read Hebrews 11:7-12. Noah spent many years constructing an ark in an arid, landlocked area having never seen anything like a flood. Look again at verse 7. What do you think enabled Noah to obey God and build the ark? Also see Psalm 119:60 and Proverbs 30:5.

6. Read Hebrews 11:13-22. These verses refer specifically to Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Jacob who lived faithfully and died before Israel was given the Promised Land. What did each of them continue to look forward to during their lives? See verse 16.

As Christians, we also have a better home to look forward to in our future. Read John 14:1-3 and Revelation 21:1-7. Describe our future and eternal home.

During difficult times, what connection do you make between your faith and the certainty of your glorious future home?

7. Read Hebrew 11:23-28. What did the faith of Moses' parents cause them to understand about Pharaoh's true power? Also read Exodus 15:6, 11.

Look again at verse 27. How did Moses' faith form his response to Pharaoh?

In what ways did Moses' faith form his response to God?

What did Moses understand about the value of earthly treasure?

8. Read Hebrews 11:29-31. God miraculously preserved the lives of multitudes of His people when they acted in faith, even though His instruction seemed to defy common sense. What do you think they understood about God that prompted their obedience?

9. Read Hebrews 11:32-35. List the triumphs of some of Israel's faithful leaders.

Reflect on these outcomes. How did the faith of these men and women bless and provide for those around them?

Think about a time when another person's faith prompted you to trust and obey God. How does this encourage you to live a life of faith today?

10. Read Hebrews 11:36-40. Sometimes even the most faithful lives appear to end in defeat. In what ways were these men and women ultimately victorious?

Has this truth ever given you the strength to remain faithful in the face of deep difficulty or obstacles in your life? Please share.

11. In your own words explain what "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" from Hebrews 11:1 means to you.

12. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.