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LIVING
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BEGINNING
AND END

PASTOR JOSEPH SISSAC

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"BY FAITH I..."

Hebrews 11, 12-1-12

Living Between the
Beginning and End

THE FAITH HALL OF FAME

Faith is essential to a Biblical walk with the Lord (Heb 11:6). In Hebrews 12:2 it states, **"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith..."** Jesus is the One from whom our faith originates. And He is the One who completes and brings our faith to maturity. In order to get the best understanding of this verse, one must look at the context, extending back to Hebrews 11.

Hebrews 11 lists 19 individuals and groups from the Old Testament who accomplished the will of the Lord. How did they do it? **By and through FAITH**. This is illustrated in the graphs to the right.

HARD TO PLEASE

One of the most revealing examples of the walk of faith is illustrated through the life of Abraham and his sons. At the ages of 100 (Abraham) and 90 (Sarah), the couple had no children, yet God declared that within a year Sarah would give birth to a son (Gen. 18:10). Though there was doubt and apprehension, what God declared came to past (Gen. 21:1-2). What God had promised wasn't just for a childless couple to have a son, but the birth of a nation.

Issac's wife Rebekah, like her mother-in-law was also barren (Gen. 25:21). But God answered Issac's prayers and they conceived. Their walk of faith was not over due to the difficulty of the pregnancy (Gen. 25:22-24). Isaac's son Jacob patiently waited and served Laban to receive Rachel as his wife (Gen. 29), only to then discover that she too could not conceive. It was again through the power of God that she miraculously bore Joseph. Later she would die due to a severe labor with Benjamin (Gen. 35:16-19).

FIXED FOR FAITH

Faith is indeed powerful and necessary when it comes to fulfilling God's will for our lives. But if the history of some of the greatest men and women of faith to ever walk the earth is any indication, God often very intentionally designs the faith-walk to include seemingly impossible and discouraging circumstances. Why? Our answer is found where we began, **"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith..."** God wants our vision to be **FIXED** on the One from whom our faith begins and ends. NOT on the circumstantial limitations and challenges. Just like victorious champions of faith from Hebrews 11, we are called to live a **"BY FAITH... LIFE"**.

“BY FAITH I...”

HEBREWS 11:3-31

Abel	Offered (v. 4)
Enoch	Was taken up (v. 5)
Noah	Prepared an ark (v. 7)
Abraham	Obeyed, Offered (v. 8, 17)
Sarah	Received ability (v. 11)
Isaac	Blessed (v. 20)
Jacob	Blessed, Worship (v. 21)
Joseph	Mentioned, Gave orders (v. 22)
Moses	Chose (v. 24)
Children of Israel	Passed through on dry land (v.29)
Rahab	Welcomed Spies (v. 31)

HEBREWS 11:32-39

	Conquered Kingdoms Performed Acts of Righteousness Obtained Promises
Gideon	Shut the mouths of Lions
Barack	Quenched the power of fire
Samson	Escaped the edge of the sword
Jephthah	From weakness were made strong
David	Put foreign armies to flight
Samuel	Received back their dead by resurrection
The Prophets	Were tortured Experienced Mocking, etc.

“BY FAITH

and God

YOUR NAME

YOUR ACTION

GOD'S ACTION