

# Lesson Seven

## Hebrews 11

Do you hear the roll of the drums? Hebrews 11 is called the “Roll Call of the Faithful” or the “Hall of Faith”. It starts with the most perfect description of what “faith” means. What follows are the shining stars of that faith throughout the ages. Notice, none of these men were perfect, but they strived towards a faith of maturity.

1. Read Hebrews 11:1. What in your life do you “hope for” or “do not see” at this juncture of your journey? As those who believe in the power of Jesus and his character, how are we to respond?
2. In verse 3, the author begins with creation being made from nothing by the command or word of God. Do some reviewing of these stories of the giants of faith.

Abel, see Genesis 4:1-9; Enoch, see Genesis 5:21-24; Noah, see Genesis 6:8-14,22; Abraham, see Genesis 12:1-4, Genesis 21:1-5, Genesis 22:1; Isaac, see Genesis 27:26-40; Jacob, see Genesis 48:1-22; Joseph, see Genesis 50:24-25; Moses, see Exodus 2:1-15. Ancient Hebrews, see Exodus 12:1-28, 14:13-31 and Joshua 6; Rahab, see Joshua 2:1-21, 6:22-25.

Gideon, see Judges 6:11-8:32; Barak, see Judges 4:6-5:31; Samson, see Judges 13:24-16:31; Jephthah, see Judges 11:1-12:7; David, see 1 Samuel 16-17; Samuel, see 1 Samuel 7-10.

I know this is a lot of reading, but when the Holy Spirit prompted the author of Hebrews to write these names, it is a prompting for all of us to learn something from them so our Christian walk will be blessed by their story.

3. As you read through chapter 11, what do you learn about the faithful who followed God?
4. Read Hebrews 11:39-40. What do you think these verses are referring to?

**Prayer** Eternal Father, thank you for the reminder that from the beginning, there were those individuals whose hearts belonged to you. They were not perfect just as we are not perfect, but they were made perfect by the advent of Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross. Thank you that the blood of Jesus reached back in time to perfect those committed to you from the beginning. We praise you that the same blood reaches forward in time to perfect those in the future who will come to a faith in your Son. And most importantly, that same blood is poured out for each of us today as we are being transformed into the likeness of your Son, Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.