
Hall of Faith

examples, triumphs, & tragedies

Hebrews 11

Week 12

Elevator Speech

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and if he shrinks back, I take no pleasure in him.”*

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but are among those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Hebrews 10:35–39 (NET 2nd)

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¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, *since* we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, ²¹ and *since* we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² [then] **let us** draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ **Let us** *hold fast* the confession of our hope *without wavering*, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And **let us** consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:19 –25 (ESV)

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without faith it is impossible . . .

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

. . .

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:1–3, 6 (ESV)

Abel still speaks

⁴ **By faith** Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

Hebrews 11:4 (ESV)

Enoch

⁵ **By faith** Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him.

Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

Hebrews 11:5 (ESV)

regarding Noah

⁷ **By faith** Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household.

By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes **by faith**.

Hebrews 11:7 (ESV)

regarding Abraham

⁸ **By faith** Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ **By faith** he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:8–10 (ESV)

innumerable grains of sand

¹¹ **By faith** Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Hebrews 11:11–12 (ESV)

He has prepared for them a city

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:13–16 (ESV)

Abraham's test

¹⁷ **By faith** Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,
¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Hebrews 11:17–19 (ESV)

the sons

²⁰ **By faith** Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

²¹ **By faith** Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

²² **By faith** Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

Hebrews 11:20–22 (ESV)

regarding Moses

²³ **By faith** Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ **By faith** Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Hebrews 11:23–26 (ESV)

Exodus

²⁷ **By faith** he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

²⁸ **By faith** he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹ **By faith** the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

Hebrews 11:27–29 (ESV)

in the Promised Land

³⁰ **By faith** the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

³¹ **By faith** Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Hebrews 11:30–31 (ESV)

triumphs

³² And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who **by faith** conquered kingdoms, performed *acts of righteousness*, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Hebrews 11:32–34 (NASB)

tragedies

³⁵ Women received *back* their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;
³⁶ and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.

³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated ³⁸ (*men* of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

Hebrews 11:35–38 (NASB95)

better resurrection

³⁹And these all were commended for their faith,
yet they did not receive what was promised.

⁴⁰For God had provided something better for us,
so that *they* would be made perfect together with us.

Hebrews 11:39–40 (NET 2nd ed.)

Continuing *by faith*

“In our [own] experience of continuing *by faith* in spite of the circumstances, we may find that God will not accomplish His purpose in the way we might have imagined. We may even go through a period of apparent loss before we arrive at His point of solution to our problems.”

J. Dwight Pentecost and Ken Durham,
Faith That Endures :
A Practical Commentary on the Book of Hebrews

James 1:4

“God builds character before He calls to service. He must work *in us* before He can work *through us*. God spent twenty-five years working in Abraham before He could give him his promised son. God worked thirteen years in Joseph’s life, putting him into “various testings” before He could put him on the throne of Egypt. He spent eighty years preparing Moses for forty years of service. Our Lord took three years training His disciples, building their character.

But God cannot work in us *without our consent*. There must be a surrendered will. The mature person does not argue with God’s will; instead, he accepts it willingly and obeys it joyfully. **“Doing the will of God from the heart”** (Eph. 6:6). If we try to go through trials without surrendered wills, we will end up more like immature children than mature adults.”

Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

encourage one another

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT)