

RUNNING RELAY for the BRIDE
Heb 11:17-40

What will outlive your life? What will be forgotten?
Eccl 2:16

Worldview: your life in eternal perspective, together with others

Eph 1:4 → Rev 7:9-11

Heb 11: learning from those who lived faithfully, and completing that what they lived for (v40b - they can't receive the prize at the end of the race until we finish the race. NLT(I)). See Heb 12:1-2

Learning to run the race (12:1) from those gone before (11:17ff):

1. Abraham (again)
2. Isaac-Jacob-Joseph
3. Moses' parents
4. Moses
5. Israelites & Rahab
6. Judges and others
7. Others suffering

v39-40 faithful without receiving, not perfect without us
1 Pe 1:10-12, Heb 11:13, Luke 10:23-24

Running our part of the relay. The whole team wins! All of the Bride complete (Rev 6:10-11, Eph 3:17-19)

- Being part of a movement. 2 Tim 2:2
- Enduring hardships
- Surrender own plans
- Living with the bigger picture
- Rejoicing in freedom, purpose, future/reward
- Christ himself our perfecter/finisher

What are you receiving from those gone before (& alongside)? Whom are you passing it onto?
What lasting things are you working on? What faith challenges come with it?

Only one life, 't will soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last
(CT Studd)