

Hebrews 11:20-40 A look at Real Faith  
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Are we living by faith?

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6 NKJV)*

Faith Looks Beyond the Present

*By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, [leaning] on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. (Hebrews 11:20-22 NKJV)*

***Faith interprets the present through the promise of God, not the promise of God through the present.***

Faith Chooses the Invisible Reward.

*By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw [he was] a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. (Hebrews 11:23-26 NKJV)*

Our Author says he made that choice because he was "looking to the reward."

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:19-20 NKJV)*

Moses had already seen something better.

*By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. (Hebrews 11:27 NKJV)*

The secret of endurance is not superior willpower; it's a superior vision of God.

*By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry [land], [whereas] the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned. (Hebrews 11:28-29 NKJV)*

***Faith is the power to say no to what is passing because it has said yes to what is eternal.***

Faith Obeys Before It Understands.

*By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace. (Hebrews 11:30-31 NKJV)*

Rahab reminds us that faith is for outsiders, the guilty, and the forgotten.

*Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent [them] out another way? (James 2:25 NKJV)*

***Faith does not wait for perfect clarity; it moves on the light God has already given.***

The Triumphs of Faith!

*And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also [of] David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. (Hebrews 11:32-35a NKJV)*

Heaven remembers faith because sin is covered by grace and faith is honored by God.

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*So he answered and said to me: "This [is] the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. (Zechariah 4:6 NKJV)*

***Faith does not magnify the hero; faith magnifies the God who keeps His word.***

The Tenacity of Faith in Suffering.

*Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, [in] dens and caves of the earth. (Hebrews 11:35b-38 NKJV)*

Heaven's evaluation often runs opposite to earth's evaluation.

*But I want you to know, brethren, that the things [which happened] to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. (Philippians 1:12-14 NKJV)*

***Faith is not proven only by deliverance from trouble, but by endurance in trouble.***

Faith Receives a Better Promise.

*And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. (Hebrews 11:39-40 NKJV)*

The final victory of faith is arriving at the end still trusting Him.

*For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. (2 Timothy 4:6-8 NKJV)*

***The greatest triumph of faith is not always escape, but endurance to the end.***

*For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:17 NKJV)*

Faith it calls for endurance.

*"Here is the patience and the faith of the saints" (Revelation 13:10b NKJV).*

And,

*"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (Revelation 12:11 NKJV)*

The Bible's definition of overcoming is deeper than earthly escape.

*Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; (Psalm 46:2 NKJV)*

Faith clings to Christ because Christ is better than whatever is gained or lost in this world.