MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **The Hall of Faith**
Series**:** **Chasing Something Better**
Text: Hebrews 11
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HALL OF FAME - PERFORM, _____, STAY CLEAN, GET A BRONZE!

HALL OF FAITH - NOT TALENT, NOT A RECORD. _____!

*"These were all **commended for their faith**, yet none of them received what had been promised. since **God had planned something better** for **us** so that only together with us would they be made perfect." (Heb. 11:39-40)*

The Hall of Faith isn't _____. The wall isn't _____. There's an empty space at the end of that hallway, and the plaque doesn't have a name on it yet.

FIVE THINGS FAITH DOES!

1. _____ WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE YET.

*"Now **faith is confidence** in what we hope for and assurance about what **we do not see.**" (Heb. 11:1)*

*By faith we understand that the universe **was formed at God's command**, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (Heb 11:3).*

*"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him **must believe that he exists** and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**" (Heb. 1:6)*

*First, _____. Second, **God is good to those who** _____ **Him**.*

2. _____ BEFORE THE PATH IS CLEAR.

*By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, i**n holy fear built an ark** to save his family. (Heb 11:7)*

*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, **obeyed and went,** even though **he did not know where he was going**. (Heb 11:8)*

Faith is not _____ agreement. Faith hears God and _____.

3. _____ WHEN THE PROMISE IS DELAYED

*All these people were still living by faith when they died. **They did not receive the things promised**; they only **saw them** and **welcomed them from a distance**, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. (Heb 11:13)*

*"They were **longing for a better country,** a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."* (Heb. 13:16)

*"By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and **gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.**" (Heb. 11:22)*

Faith is _____ God when the fulfillment is still in the _____.

4. _____ FAITHFUL WHETHER GOD RESCUES YOU OR NOT.

*And what more shall I say? **I do not have time to tell** about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. (Heb 11:32–35a)*

WOW! WHAT A WAY TO END A SERMON!

***There were others** who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated, the world was not worthy of them. (Heb 11:35b–38)*

YOU CANNOT MEASURE FAITHFULNESS BY _____ SUCCESS.

5. LOOK TO _____

*These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned **SOMETHING BETTER** for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. (Heb 11:39–40)*

NOT SOMETHING BUT _____!

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.** (Heb 12:1–2a)*