

Series: Kingdom Come

Sermon Title: How To Grow In Your Faith

Passage: Hebrews 11

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Main Point: Faith is like a muscle - the more you exercise it, the stronger it becomes.

Hebrews 11:1-40 (CSB)

¹Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.

²For by this our ancestors were approved.

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

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man, because God approved his gifts, and even though he is dead, he still speaks through his faith.

⁵By faith Enoch was taken away, and so he did not experience death. He was not to be found because God took him away. For before he was taken away, he was approved as one who pleased God.

⁶Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

⁷By faith Noah, after he was warned about what was not yet seen and motivated by godly fear, built an ark to deliver his family. By faith he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going.

⁹By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise.

¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith even Sarah herself, when she was unable to have children, received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age, since she considered that the one who had promised was faithful.

¹²Therefore, from one man—in fact, from one as good as dead—came offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and as innumerable as the grains of sand along the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth.

¹⁴Now those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵If they were thinking about where they came from, they would have had an opportunity to return.

¹⁶But they now desire a better place—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He received the promises and yet he was offering his one and only son,

¹⁸the one to whom it had been said, Your offspring will be traced through Isaac.

¹⁹He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead; therefore, he received him back, figuratively speaking.

²⁰By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

²¹By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and he worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

²²By faith Joseph, as he was nearing the end of his life, mentioned the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, after he was born, was hidden by his parents for three months, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they didn't fear the king's edict.

²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter

²⁵and chose to suffer with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasure of sin.

²⁶For he considered reproach for the sake of Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, since he was looking ahead to the reward.

²⁷By faith he left Egypt behind, not being afraid of the king's anger, for Moses persevered as one who sees him who is invisible.

²⁸By faith he instituted the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn might not touch the Israelites.

²⁹By faith they crossed the Red Sea as though they were on dry land. When the Egyptians attempted to do this, they were drowned.

³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after being marched around by the Israelites for seven days.

³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute welcomed the spies in peace and didn't perish with those who disobeyed.

³²And what more can I say? Time is too short for me to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets,
³³who by faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,
³⁴quenched the raging of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, gained strength in weakness, became mighty in battle, and put foreign armies to flight.
³⁵Women received their dead, raised to life again. Other people were tortured, not accepting release, so that they might gain a better resurrection.
³⁶Others experienced mockings and scourgings, as well as bonds and imprisonment.
³⁷They were stoned, they were sawed in two, they died by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, destitute, afflicted, and mistreated.
³⁸The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and on mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.
³⁹All these were approved through their faith, but they did not receive what was promised,
⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, so that they would not be made perfect without us.

What is FAITH?

Hebrews 11:1 gives us the best definition in the Bible of Faith.

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¹Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.

Certainty is the opposite of faith. Where there is certainty there is no faith. Where there is no certainty faith must abound.

Main Point: Faith is like a muscle - the more you exercise it, the stronger it becomes.

There are four basic steps that will grow your faith in Jesus.

You have to:

- 1. Trust Jesus as your Lord**
- 2. Hear From God**
- 3. Determine that You will Obey**
- 4. Endure by keeping your eyes on Jesus**

God hears excuses as a lack of faith.