

FAITH THAT FINISHES WELL (HEB 11:1-40)

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

1) Read Hebrews 11:1–7. What does it mean to live by faith rather than by sight in our daily lives? When circumstances seem uncertain or God's promises appear distant, what makes it difficult for us to trust His Word?

2) Read Hebrews 11:8–16. Abraham followed God without knowing the entire journey. How does keeping our eyes on eternity help us navigate the uncertainties of life? What might God be calling you to surrender, change or step out in faith today?

3) Read Hebrews 11:23-40. Why do you think some people remain faithful to God through suffering while others become discouraged or give up? How can you continue trusting God even when you do not see the outcome you are hoping for?

4) Of the application ‘F.A.I.T.H.’, which one speaks most strongly to you in your present season of life? Why do you think this is an area where God wants you to grow?

5) What is one specific commitment you will make this week to strengthen your faith and help you finish well? How can your small group encourage and pray for you?

Hebrews 11:1-40 (ESV)

[1] “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… [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. [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 11:1-40 (ESV)

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… 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…

39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not
receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something
better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.”

Faith That Finishes Well

3 CHARACTERISTICS:

1) Faith Perceives The Unseen

(Hebrews 11:1-7)

2) Faith Pursues The Promise

(Hebrews 11:8-22)

3) Faith Perseveres Through Trials

(Hebrews 11:23-40)

FAITH PERCEIVES THE UNSEEN

Hebrews 11:1-7

- **“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (v1)**
- **“Faith is the title deed to a spiritual inheritance.” So…**
  - Faith is not blind optimism.
  - Faith is confidence in the character and promises of God.
  - Faith sees beyond what is visible.

FAITH PERCEIVES THE UNSEEN

(1-7)

A. **Faith Trusts absolutely God's Word**

B. **Faith Walks resolutely With God**

(1A) *Faith* TRUSTS GOD'S WORD

- "By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God" (v3).
- We believe because God has spoken.
- Abel worshipped, Noah responded… at God's Word.
- Faith begins when we take God at His Word.

(1B) *Faith* WALKS WITH GOD

- “Now before he (Enoch) was taken he was commended as having pleased God” (v5).
- Secret to pleasing God? “Enoch walked with God” (Genesis 5:22, 24).
- Walk, ‘hâlak’, metaphorically describes a person’s lifestyle, conduct and relational path.
- Enoch’s greatness? His day-to-day intimate fellowship with God.
- Faith is often seen in daily faithfulness within a personal relationship with God.

Biblical Truth

Faith perceives the unseen because it trusts absolutely God's unchanging Word and walks resolutely in God's unblemished ways.

FAITH PURSUES THE PROMISE

(8-22)

A. **Faith follows God's call**

B. **Faith fixes on God's future**

(2A) *Faith* FOLLOWS GOD'S CALL

- **"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called" (v8).**
- **God called, Abraham obeyed.**
- **Abraham didn't know the details.**
- **Faith follows even though the destination is not fully visible.**
- **Will you follow God even though you cannot see the whole picture?**

(2B) *faith* FIXES ON GOD'S FUTURE

- **"These all died in faith, not having received the things promised… having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth" (v13).**
- **The patriarchs saw themselves as strangers and exiles on earth.**
- **They were looking for a better country.**
- **Their final destination was a heavenly one!**
- **We are created for eternity! (Heb. 11:16; Jn. 17:14-16, Eph. 2:19; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 11:13-16)**

Biblical Truth

Faith pursues the promised because it follows God's clear call and fixes on God's certain future.

FAITH PERSEVERES THROUGH TRIALS (23-40)

A. **Faith chooses eternal reward**

B. **Faith continues despite hardship**

(3A) *Faith* CHOOSES ETERNAL REWARD

- Moses chose to be mistreated rather than enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin (v25).
- Moses surrendered- Power, Position, Prestige, Pleasure, Persuasion (Influence).
- Why? He saw God’s heavenly reward.
- Faith always involves choices between the earthly pleasures and heavenly reward.

(3B) *faith* CONTINUES DESPITE HARDSHIP

- “And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised” (v39).
- Many died without seeing the complete fulfilment of God’s promises.
- God was pleased with them. Why?
- Because God values faithfulness more than visible results.

Biblical Truth

Faith perseveres because it chooses God's implicit eternal reward and continues despite inevitable hardship.

Application: F.A.I.T.H.

F: FOCUS ON CHRIST (2 PETER 1:19)

Am I focusing on my circumstances or Christ?

A: ACT ON GOD'S WORD (JAMES 1:22).

What is one thing God has already told me to do that I have not done?

I : INVEST IN ETERNITY (HEBREWS 11:16)

What will I invest in for eternity?

T: TRUST GOD'S WORD (HABAKKUK 2:3)

Will I trust God's timing or my timetable?

H: HOLD FAST UNTIL THE END (HEBREWS 10:23)

Will I persevere till to the very end?







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1)
COME
to Christ

2)
COME BACK
to Christ

3)
CONTINUE
with Christ