

**BIBLICAL HEROES
OF THE FAITH:
Studies in Hebrews 11**

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Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
- Hebrews 11:1-3



INTRODUCTION

❖ **FAITH IS** _____.

- 10:19—“having **boldness** to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.”
- 10:22—“let us draw near with a true heart in **full assurance** of faith.”
- 10:23—“Let us hold fast the confession of our **hope** without wavering.”
- 10:32—“you **endured** a great struggle with sufferings.”
- 10:34—“**knowing** that you have a better ... possession for yourselves in heaven.”
- 10:35—“do not cast away your **confidence**.”
- 10:36—“you have need of **endurance**, so that ... you may receive the promise.”
- 10:38—“the just shall **live by faith**.”
- 10:39—“those who **believe** to the saving of the soul.”
- 11:1a—“the substance [realization] of things **hoped** for.”
- 11:1b—“the evidence [**confidence**] of things not seen.”
- 11:2 —“by it the elders obtained a **good testimony**.”
- 11:3 —“by faith we **understand**.”

❖ **FAITH IS NOT** _____.

Session #1
ABEL'S BETTER SACRIFICE (11:4)

I. Who was Abel?

- Genesis 4:1-8
- Luke 11:49-51

II. What was Abel's sacrifice?

- Genesis 4:3-5
- Cf. Leviticus 2:1-16; 23:9-14
- "By faith"—Hebrews 11:4
 - 1 Samuel 15:22-23
 - Isaiah 1:10-20
 - Micah 6:6-8
 - Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

III. What is my sacrifice?

- Hebrews 13:15-16
- Philippians 4:15-18
- Romans 12:1-2

By faith I can _____ and

I can _____.

Session #2
ENOCH'S MORE PLEASING TESTIMONY (11:5-6)

I. Who was Enoch?

- Genesis 5:19-24
- Jude 14-15

II. What was Enoch's testimony?

- Who gave the testimony? Who testified? (see Hebrews 11:2, 39)
- Enoch _____ God.
- Enoch _____ God.
- "By faith"—Hebrews 11:5
 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8
 - Romans 6:4
 - Galatians 5:16
 - Colossians 1:10

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
Hebrews 11:6

III. How can I please God?

- Ephesians 5:-17
- Philippians 2:12-13

By faith I can _____ and

I can _____.

Session #3
NOAH'S BETTER HERITAGE (11:7)

I. Who was Noah?

- Genesis 5:28-9:29
- Ezekiel 14:14, 20
- 2 Peter 2:5

II. What was Noah's motivation?

- Noah _____ God.
- Noah _____ God. See Genesis 6:22; 7:5.
- "By faith"—Hebrews 11:7
 - Hebrews 12:25-29
 - 1 Peter 3:18—4:11

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.
1 Peter 4:7

III. How can I obey God?

- Deuteronomy 13:4
- James 1:21-27

By faith I can _____ and

I can _____.

Session #4
ABRAHAM'S BETTER PROMISE (11:8-10)

I. Who was Abraham?

- Genesis 11:27-25:11
- John 8:56
- James 2:23 (see Isaiah 41:8 and 2 Chronicles 20:7)

II. What was the promise to Abraham?

- God promised Abraham a _____ (Genesis 12:1),
a _____ (12:2),
a _____ (12:2),
a _____ (12:2-3).
and a _____ (15:4; 17:16).
- “By faith” Abraham _____ ⇒ _____ (Hebrews 11:8).
- “By faith” Abraham _____ ⇒ _____ (Hebrews 11:9,10).
 - Romans 4:1-25
 - Galatians 3:5-9

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.
- Galatians 5:5-6

III. What promises should I be claiming?

- 2 Corinthians 7:1
- 2 Peter 1:4
- God has promised me _____ (1 John 2:25),
_____ (James 1:12),
_____ (James 2:5),
_____ (Ephesians 6:2).

Session #5
SARAH'S BETTER STRENGTH (11:11-12)

I. Who was Sarah?

- Genesis 11:27-23:2
- Isaiah 51:2

II. What strength did Sarah receive?

- God gave her strength to _____ (Hebrews 11:11).
- Sarah decided God was _____ (11:11), therefore,
God _____ to _____ (11:12).
 - I Peter 3:1-6

*Sarah.... , whose daughters you are if you do good and are not
afraid with any terror. 1 Peter 3:6*

III. How can I be spiritually strong?

- Philippians 4:13
- Strength when I _____ (Psalm 27:1).
- Strength when I _____ (Psalm 46:1).
- Strength when I _____ (Proverbs 31:17).
- Such strength is not found in _____ (Psalm 52:7).

