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

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).
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

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).
I. Who were the strangers and pilgrims?

- Hebrews 11:4-12
- 1 Chronicles 29:15

II. What is the better country?

- The __________ of the living God (Hebrews 12:22).
- We are seeking ________________ (13:14).
- Our ____________ is in ___________ (Philippians 3:20).

  ➢ Ephesians 2:19-22
  ➢ Philippians 3:17—4:1

III. How does a pilgrim live?

- 1 Peter 2:11-17

  ➢ Psalm 119:54-56