

Radiant

Who You Are...
Because of Who He Is.

~Lesson Eleven part 1
Hebrews Chapter Eleven



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

...SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP...

📖 **God's Word is our standard.** We'll use the Bible - not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition - as our guide for everything. We are using the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible for this study.

♥ **We come from varying faith backgrounds,** so please be thoughtful of denominational and religious differences.

🚫 **Avoid commentaries or study notes in your Bible.** Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.

🙋 **We're all learning.** Be gracious and patient with yourself and with others. No one has it all figured out.

✓ **This isn't a personal opinion study. This is a Bible study.** So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers. Try your best and have a humble and teachable spirit.

🗣️ **You don't have to share,** but if you did the reading and the study this week, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share! 😊

👂 **Didn't finish the study this week?** That's ok. Life gets busy. You're here! Yay you! This will be a good week for you to listen and perhaps jot down answers as others share.

⌚ **Be considerate of your "slice of the pie"** Share your thoughts, but allow time for others to do the same.

🕒 **Watch the time.** We'll start the teaching time at 7:40pm (evening) or 10:40am (morning) group.

...AS WE GATHER...

1. How does Hebrews 10:3-4 encourage you today? (pg 13/Q 9& 10)
2. If someone asked you, "How do I please God?" how would you answer biblically. (pg 14/Q3) (Remember, this isn't a personal opinion study. This is a Bible study. Use the Word to support your answer.)
3. A friend is struggling with inadequacy and guilt. How will your understanding of Hebrews 10 help you encourage her? (pg 17/Q8)
4. Atheists don't believe we need God to understand what is right and wrong. How would you respond to that based on what we've learned in Hebrews? (pg 19/Q7)
5. Share your before and after Christ illustration (page 19)
6. Summarize Hebrews 10:22-25. (pg 21/Q7)
7. How do you think it looks for Christians to really live out Hebrews 10:24? (pg 23/Q7)
8. What is it like for those who go on sinning deliberately and face God? (pg 25/Q9)
9. Do you feel and know that you have received "the knowledge of the truth" as described in Hebrews 10:26? (pg 27/Q4)
10. Share your response to questions 1 & 2 on page 28
11. Share your Create & Share
12. Recite Hebrews 10:23-25 together.





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~ Lesson Eleven Overview ~

Memorize Hebrews 11:1 & 6

- Day 1 – Read & Write Chapter 11
- Day 2 – 11:1-3 Faith
- Day 3 – 11:4 Abel
- Day 4 – 11:5-6 Enoch
- Day 5 – 11:7 Noah

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- Day 6 – 11:8-22 part 1 Patriarchs
- Day 7 – 11:8-22 part 2 Patriarchs
- Day 8 – 11:23-29 Moses
- Day 9 – 11:30-40 Others
- Day 10 – Create & Share

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...Lesson Eleven - Day One...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 9:27-28



...READ AND WRITE HEBREWS CHAPTER ELEVEN...

As you read in the introduction, we are reading and writing the entire book of Hebrews over the course of this study. At the end of this lesson packet, I have provided several blank pages for you to “WRITE THE WORD.” Use these or any pages – perhaps a special journal? – to write each chapter of Hebrews. At the end of this study, you’ll have written the entire book! What a treasure!

While you study Hebrews, write any notes, thoughts, questions, even drawings, that will help you engage and understand the Scripture. Before you read and write, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word (Psalm 119:18) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading.

TODAY:

BEFORE YOU READ... TAKE THIS LITTLE QUIZ:

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| 1. Who was a shepherd? | <input type="checkbox"/> Noah | <input type="checkbox"/> Enoch | <input type="checkbox"/> Abel | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah |
| 2. Whose name <u>wasn't</u> changed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Abraham | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacob | <input type="checkbox"/> Moses |
| 3. Who spent three months in hiding? | <input type="checkbox"/> Moses | <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua | <input type="checkbox"/> Barak | <input type="checkbox"/> Gideon |
| 4. Who wrestled with God? | <input type="checkbox"/> Rahab | <input type="checkbox"/> Noah | <input type="checkbox"/> Jephthah | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacob |
| 5. Whose prophecy is quoted outside the Bible? | <input type="checkbox"/> Moses | <input type="checkbox"/> Rahab | <input type="checkbox"/> Enoch | <input type="checkbox"/> Abraham |
| 6. Who was not listed in the genealogy of Christ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Enoch | <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph | <input type="checkbox"/> Abraham | <input type="checkbox"/> Rahab |
| 7. Who was a murder? | <input type="checkbox"/> Abel | <input type="checkbox"/> Noah | <input type="checkbox"/> Moses | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacob |
| 8. Whose victory is credited to a woman? | <input type="checkbox"/> Jephthah | <input type="checkbox"/> David | <input type="checkbox"/> Barak | <input type="checkbox"/> Gideon |

Check your answers as you study...or find them on Day 10.

- 1) **READ HEBREWS CHAPTER 11** - If you haven't read chapters 1-10 yet, be sure to read them as well – **Don't just read today's chapter...read it aloud! Stand up and read it with your hands on your hips if possible!** Then sit down and review it again. Do you find any themes connecting back to previous chapters? Any concepts you need more clarity about? Make a note of keywords and phrases. Don't be shy to take notes in your Bible. This is a great way to retain and understand better.
- 2) **WRITE HEBREWS CHAPTER 11** – If you haven't written chapters 1-10 yet, why not add a chapter a day to your writing and you'll have the whole book written in 11 days!
- 3) **WRITE & MEMORIZE** Hebrews 11:1 & 6 – Review and meditate on these verses daily. I've provided space at the opening of each lesson for this.

...Lesson Eleven -Day One...

...CREATE & SHARE THINK AHEAD...

Our Create & Share (Day 10) is to dig a little deeper into the life of one of the Hall of Faith heroes we're studying this session. As you read chapter 11 today, think ahead about which of the faithful you'd like to learn more about.

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...
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 & 6*



...Lesson Eleven - Day Two...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 11:1 & 6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passage for today: [Hebrews 11:1-3](#)

...DWELL IN THE WORD...

1. Review [Hebrews 10:39](#)

The author contrasts two types of people.

...those who _____ and are _____

...those who _____ and _____

Among whom does the author count himself and his audience? _____

Think back to how the author has affirmed the way his audience has shown their faith. Write a few examples here of what they've been up to:

2. What does it mean to you to have faith? Specifically, how does it look in your daily life?

It's Γρεεκ το Με

The Greek word for faith is πίστις (pistis). The root of *pistis* means "to persuade" which points to the *core-meaning* of faith: "divine persuasion". It is God's oath that what He brings inside every believer. Faith is always *received from God*.

3. According to 11:1, faith is what? ...

1) _____

2) _____

And the author has been teaching us about these "hoped for" things all throughout his message! What are some of these things? Consider [Hebrews 2:9; 4:9; 6:7; 9:15; 9:28](#) and many others you might list!

What is this faith grounded in?

4. What did the "people of old" receive by faith? _____

The author is going to really describe these people in a bit, but consider the difference between them and these other famous – or infamous – group of people...

5. Read [Matthew 6:1-5](#). Describe these people and the kind of commendation they received:

What does Jesus call these kinds of people?

→ *Considering what Jesus scolded the Pharisees for, do you need to adjust anything in your answer about faith to keep it more in line with what Jesus taught?*

6. What are we able to understand by faith?

7. God makes a clear connection from creation to faith. Read [Romans 1:16-25](#). What connections do you see?

What is the consequence for denying divine creation?

8. Read [Genesis chapter one](#). Write the first four words here: _____

By what means did God create the universe? _____

9. Read and highlight the following in your Bible:
[Psalm 33:6-9](#) – How did God make the heavens?

[John 1:1-5](#) – Who created “all things?”

What materials did God use to create the universe?

10. Your friend says, “I believe the Bible, but the creation “story” is just a story and Jonah and the whale or the Noah’s ark stuff is a little much.” How would you respond?

11. A.W. Tozer said: “Faith is good only when it engages truth; when it is made to rest upon falsehood it can and often does lead to eternal tragedy. For it is not enough that we believe; we must believe the right thing about the right One.” Do you think you have to give up on reasoning and thinking to have faith? Explain:

It's Γρεεκ το Με

Here's one of those fascinating words that is used only 5 times in Scripture and only once in this form. Depending on your Bible version, the word translated assurance is ὑπόστασις (hypostasis). This is a compound of *hypó*, "under" and *hístēmi*, "to stand." The literal meaning is “standing under a guaranteed agreement.” Read [Hebrews 1:3](#); [3:14](#) (translated “nature” & “confidence” respectively) for the other occurrences in Hebrews. It is from this word and its Latin usage that we get the phrase “hypostatic union” as a way to describe the union of God & man in Jesus.

...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

A scientist challenges God to a contest to see who can make a better human. God accepts, and the scientist excitedly bends down to pick up some clay to make his human being when God stops him saying, "Oh no, no, no... you go make your own dirt." It's one thing to create...it's another all together to create from nothing. Do you ever find yourself dizzy with wonder at how this all came to be? How you and I and all of us came to be? Is it just blind faith to accept that God created it all? No. William Lane Craig summarized the position well like this:

1. Whatever begins to exist has a cause of its beginning.
2. The universe began to exist.
3. Therefore, the universe has a cause of its beginning.

The author of Hebrews is teaching the same thing and goes a step further when he says that the "universe was created by the word of God." Not only does the universe have a cause – the cause is God, and the method is God's very breath (Ps 33). We are not like the unfaithful, the ones who "shrink back and are destroyed." Those who believe in the God of creation are those who exercise their faith and by so doing, have an understanding of how everything came to be.

I wasn't there when the universe came into existence, but I have faith in the One who was, and I'm convicted of what I haven't seen – God, the Creator of the universe – the One about whom Isaiah asks, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God the creator of the ends of the earth." I may not be able to explain it all, but "I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me." This is true faith.

Faith is not works to earn the good favor of God. Good works are the result of our faith. By faith we are assured of the reality of God. By faith we accept what He already has done and will one day do. Faith is more than wishful thinking or a hunch about something. It's an assurance based on your conviction that in spite of what you can't see, it will be there...or already is.

Thomas, the famous doubter, said, "Let me see, then I'll believe." True faith says, "I believe! Now I can see!" Think about this, without God's help a person simply cannot accept spiritual truths—they just don't make sense to him, for, after all, you must be spiritual to see spiritual things. It is God who gives the nudge with the Holy Spirit.

Is there anything that you are holding back in your faith today? Faith is full assurance based on total conviction...no holding back. You are banking everything on your faith. Anything less than total faith is not true faith. It's like the lady who was flying home and somebody asked her how she liked the flight. She said, "I hated it and I never put my whole weight down the whole trip." The reality is that we're all headed for eternity. Saving faith rests fully in God because of your conviction in where you're headed in Him – eternal redemption.





IN THE
BEGINNING,
GOD.

...Lesson Eleven - Day Three...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 11:1 & 6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passages for today. As you read, make note of the mentions of Abel, and connect them to one another in the margins of your Bible:

[Hebrews 11:4](#); [12:24](#); [Genesis 4:1-17a, 25](#); [Matthew 23:35](#); [1 John 3:12](#)

BY FAITH... ABEL

Hebrew Name: אֱבֶל (heh'-bel) Meaning: vapor, breath, vanity, sorrow

PARENTS: _____ INTERESTING TO NOTE: _____

ACT of FAITH: _____

1. After each day's study, come back and complete the information above -- parents, something of note you found interesting, the act of faith that singles this person out.

2. Paraphrase the account of Cain and Abel in 7 points:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

3. What is distinct about how Abel's offering is described in Genesis? _____. How did it compare with Cain's? *firstborn*

How does the author of Hebrews describe Abel's offering? _____

What point do you think is being made by describing the exact nature of Abel's sacrifice?

As a result of his offering, what has Abel become for us? (Consider the author's introduction to this chapter in [10:39](#) and [11:2](#).)

4. What does Abel's offering, which happened 2,300 years before the Tabernacle and Law were given, tell you about his understanding of God's expectations? (Consider how God had provided for Adam & Even after they sinned. – [Genesis 3:21](#))
5. How does Jesus describe the blood of Abel? _____ Why?
6. What parallels can you draw from the example of Abel and that of Jesus Christ?
7. We've spent the past several chapters understanding God's plan for making things right. Summarize that way here:
8. Write [Proverbs 15:8](#)
9. As righteous as Abel's blood was, what does the author say about it in Hebrews 12:24?
10. How does the life of Abel exemplify Hebrews 11:1-3?

...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

It might be a popular movie title, but the famous quote, "Dead men tell no tales" just isn't true, is it? In fact, the life of the second man born into our fallen world not only told tales, he still speaks today. God said that Abel's blood didn't just speak, but his blood was "crying out" from the ground. Don't ever question if God sees or hears you when you are crying out. If God can hear from the spent blood of Abel, how much more can he hear your prayers? "For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil" (1 Peter 3:12). And how do the righteous live? By faith! If your life is a life of faith, then you will be heard. "The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the Righteous" (Proverbs 15:29).

...Lesson Eleven - Day Four...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 11:1 & 6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passages for today. As you read, make note of the mentions of Enoch, and connect them to one another in the margins of your Bible:

[Hebrews 11:5-6](#); [Genesis 5:18-24](#); [Jude 1:14](#)

BY FAITH... ENOCH

Hebrew Name: קַנּוֹךְ (khan-oke') Meaning: instruct, train up, dedicated, also "his death shall bring it"

PARENT(s): _____ INTERESTING TO NOTE: _____

ACT OF FAITH: _____

1. List the generations from Adam to Enoch:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____

IT'S HEBREW TO GO

The Hebrew root for "walked" is הָלַךְ (haw-lak'). Depending on the context it can mean just "walk" but it often carries the idea of how one carries oneself in the daily ins and outs of life. It also means the *course of life*. When men are said to have *walked in the ways of the Lord*—the meaning is that they lived righteously, keeping God's commandments.

2. What was it like to live in Enoch's time? Read [Genesis 6:5](#) and [Jude 14-16](#)

3. How old was Enoch when he started walking with God? _____

How old was he when he died? _____ How many years did he walk with God? _____

What significant event in his life happened right before he started walking with God?

Do you think there was a connection between the two? Explain.

4. Why was Enoch taken without experiencing death?

5. What would it look like for your life to be like Enoch's and to please God?

1) Romans 8:8 - _____

2) Hebrews 11:6 - _____

3) Hebrews 10:38 - _____

4) Micah 6:8 - _____

6. Consider the testimony of Enoch and how that must have impacted his son and grandson. What do we know about both of these men that gives an idea of the influence of Enoch on their lives?

7. Jude quotes Enoch's prophetic warning to the people of his time.* How did Enoch's prophecy come true?

8. What two requirements does the author give for those who "would draw near to God?" (Heb. 11:6)

1) _____

Think about it...why bother making such an obvious statement? Why would someone draw near to something they didn't even believe to exist? What point do you think the author is trying to make? (Consider first the context! What was the world like in Enoch's time? What would he have been surrounded by?)

2) _____

Enoch's belief was not just in a god, but in the existence of THE God. This belief was based also on God's character. What does the second requirement say about God's character?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

As simple as these two statements may sound to you, in them lays a huge stumbling block on the way for many to believe – or not believe – in God. Skeptics look around and see evil and suffering and conclude that God must not exist, or, they will argue that God may exist, but He must be weak, incompetent, or worse...evil! But what does the author of Hebrews remind us here? Enoch believed not only in the existence of God, but that God was good.

God exists. He is good...two truths that those of faith can bank on.

Any thinking person will acknowledge that evil and suffering exist, but does that automatically mean that God does not exist? C.S. Lewis famously responded in this way:

"My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?"

Why can you call something evil? The problem of evil really becomes an argument for God. After all, how can you call something good or evil unless you have a standard of right and wrong? Christians believe that God exists and He is good. We know His moral law exists and that is why we see the reality of evil and suffering. With no moral standard, how can we call anything good or evil?

...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

A little child told Enoch's story like this: "Enoch was a man that used to go for walks with God. One day they went for an extra long walk, and they walked on, and on, and on, until God said to Enoch, 'You are a long way from home; you would better just come in and stay.' And he went in!" What a simple, sweet way to remember Enoch's amazing relationship with God. Only two people have ever skipped death: Enoch and Elijah. God just brought them both Home. And only two people have ever been commended for their "walk" with God: Enoch and Noah (Genesis 6:9). Abraham is most famous for the long walk he literally took as he obeyed God's command to: "arise, walk around the land" (Genesis 13:17) and, "Walk before Me and be blameless" (Genesis 17:1). He was called a "friend of God."

Friends walk alongside one another. What another beautiful thought. Consider this: God also walks. In Exodus God walked ahead of the people in a pillar of cloud (*Exodus 13:21*) and later, Moses assured the people that, "God walks before you; He will not release you nor will He abandon you," (*Deut. 31:8*). God's desire is for all of us to love Him in such a way as to truly walk with Him. We are to speak of His teachings "when you sit in your homes and when you walk on the way." (*Deut. 6:7*) The God who made a way for you to draw near to him through Jesus wants you to walk with him along that way.

Who dwells with and draws near to God? David asked and answered the same question:

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless,

who does what is righteous,

who speaks the truth from their heart

Let us be those women today. Women of the Word, the Way, and the Walk.





...Lesson Eleven - Day Five...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 11:1 & 6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passages for today. As you read, make note of the mentions of Noah, and connect them to one another in the margins of your Bible:

[Hebrews 11:7](#); [Genesis 6:5-7:1](#)

BY FAITH...NOAH

Hebrew Name: נֹחַ (no'-akh) Meaning: brings comfort; rest

PARENT(s): _____ INTERESTING TO NOTE: _____

ACT of FAITH: _____

1. Outline Hebrews 11:7

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

2. How does the Bible describe the world (behaviorally) in the time of Noah? ([Genesis 6:5, 11-12](#))

3. How did Noah exemplify... Hebrews [10:38](#) and [11:1](#)?

[James 2:14-17](#)?

[James 4:4-6](#) and [Genesis 6:8](#)?

It's Greek to Me

The Greek word translated "reverent fear" is εὐλαβηθεὶς (eulabētheis) meaning to show introspective and cautious attention and awe-inspired fear. This led to Noah paying careful attention to God's instruction.

4. Compare the descriptions of [Abel \(Hebrews 11:4\)](#), [Enoch \(5:22\)](#), and [Noah \(Gen. 6:9\)](#). What is unique about Noah's description?

5. What is the connection between righteousness and faith? [Romans. 3:22; 4:13; Hebrews 10:38](#)

6. What's the craziest thing you've done for God out of obedience?

How does God view our obedience?

7. What does our obedience to God show?

[1 John 5:2-3](#)

[1 John 2:3-6](#)

What happens in the world as a result? [Matthew 5:16 and 1 Peter 2:12](#)

What do we receive as a result? [John 13:17](#)

...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

My pastor growing up, Dr. John MacArthur Sr, would tell us the story about a man who wore one of those sandwich-board signs as he walked the streets. On the front it said, "I am a fool for Christ." People walked by and mocked and laughed, but as they went by they read the back which asked, "Whose fool are you?"

The day I sat at Panera writing this lesson, a man walked by my table and stopped. Pointing to my Bible he said, "You believe that book?" I invited him to sit down, and over the course of the next 30 minutes, he and I talked about what he thought was foolishness and what I believed was the inspired words of God. "If it makes you feel better and helps you live right, I don't care. But, don't tell me it's true. It's not. I can't believe all that."

For him, "the word of the cross is foolishness" but to me and all who are being saved by it, "it is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1:18) He left my table scoffing at my assurance to pray for him. "If I'm going to get to heaven it'll be on my own two feet not because of some 2000-year dead man." Like those who scoffed at Noah while he labored for 300 years building a ridiculous structure they had never seen or imagined before, this man left my table scoffing at the only thing that will save his life: the cross. How foolish I am to spend time in the Word for a God I cannot see with my eyes. How silly to waste my time writing and studying so others can understand this God. How worthless my hours are spent praying for him and others who I know who continue to reject the cross. The cross is foolishness. The ark was too – until it wasn't.

The ark was the only way to be saved. When God's righteous judgment flooded the earth, it lifted to safety all who had placed their faith in him and destroyed all who rejected Him. One day by faith, I know God's righteous judgment will once again come. Those who are eagerly waiting for him will be saved – lifted above the horror of his fury. Those who have trampled underfoot the son of God, will realize exactly who they have been a fool for – themselves, and, "just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man."

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In you all... _____

(12:7) I will _____

Considering the lineage of Abraham, how has the final promise been fulfilled? _____

What was Abraham's first big act of faith? (Gen 12:4; Heb. 11:8)

Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ Το Με

The author of Hebrews emphasizes Abraham's amazing faith in 11:8 by wording it this way: "καλούμενος Ἀβραὰμ ὑπήκουσεν" (kal-ou-menos Abram hup-ag-kou-sen) – literally meaning that in the act of being called he was already obeying. It was one and the same – called/obeyed. No hesitation. He was called. He went.

4. Read back through Heb. 11:8-16 noting the following about Abraham...

<u>Where He'd Been</u>	<u>Where He Was Going</u>	<u>What He Was Looking Forward To</u>

Why do you think there's no mention of where he'd been? Explain:

What was Abraham's home while he was "in a foreign land?" (11:9) _____

What point do you think the author is making by reminding us of the kind of home dwelled in and what he was "looking forward" to and how will that impact your life today? Consider [Hebrews 10:34](#); [11:10](#); [11:16](#)

...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

What moves you? What gets you willing to get up and go? What drives you to live the way you live? If you're living a life that is pleasing to God then you're moved by obedience to God. You're willing to sacrifice your comfort to follow God. Abraham left the security of his homeland and obeyed God. He had his eyes fixed on something beyond this world. He was looking forward to the city whose designer and builder was God. Why? Because he had faith – true faith that moves. This kind of faith is willing and driven by the internal combustion of hope in what can't be seen. Abraham also accumulated great wealth, a huge family, and the blessing of the greatest king of his time, Melchizedek. Was all that the ultimate promise he was given? No. God's ultimate promise was the covenant to bring from his lineage the ultimate Promise Keeper – Jesus. The thought that because we are heirs along with Abraham we are entitled to great prosperity is the malignant teaching of a false gospel. Joel Osteen, Kenneth Copeland, and Creflo Dollar are among "Christian" leaders who teach this gospel. They fail to teach the reward of "joyfully accepting the plundering of property" or living with "hard struggle with sufferings." Instead, their prosperity gospel admonishes those people as having a lack of faith when this is exactly the kind of faith that Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham had that honors God. This is the kind of faith that should define your life if you say you follow Jesus Christ today. Be armed with the truth and willing to stand on God's Word against any false gospel. Live in true faith today, not because you're getting rich by the world's standards, but because you are desiring something better – a city prepared for you that has been built by God himself.

...Lesson Eleven - Day Seven...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 11:1 & 6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passages for today.

[Hebrews 11:8-22](#) and [Genesis 22:1-19](#)

BY FAITH... THE PATRIARCHS PART 2

Isaac: [יִצְחָק](#) (yis-hāq) Meaning: he laughs

ACT of FAITH: _____

Jacob: [יַעֲקֹב](#) (ya-‘ā-qōb) Meaning: heel-catcher, supplanter → Israel: [יִשְׂרָאֵל](#) (yis-rā-‘él) Meaning: strives with God

ACT of FAITH: _____

Joseph: [יֹסֵף](#) (yō-w-sêp) Meaning: may He add

ACT of FAITH: _____

1. What did Sarah receive? _____

Read [Genesis 18:9-15](#) How does Sarah, in spite of her first reaction, exemplify [Hebrews 10:23](#)?

2. In light of what the audience of Hebrews had gone through (10:32-36), how do you think 11:13-16 would have been particularly encouraging? Look for similar thoughts and themes in the two passages.

3. Christians are heirs with Abraham of his inheritance ([Galatians 3:14-29](#)). How would you respond then to someone who said this: *“Since God’s covenant has been established and prosperity was part of that, you need claim that prosperity now! God wants you blessed and prosperous!”*

Is this accurate? Are you entitled to prosperity because of the covenant? Why or why not?

4. On the next page I’ve provided space for you to list as many parallels between the sacrifice of Isaac – Abraham’s “only son” – and Jesus – God’s only son. (Hint: I found 30)

ABRAHAM AND
ISAAC

GOD THE FATHER AND
JESUS THE SON

In the space below, illustrate both scenes:

5. Read [James 2:18-24](#) What did Abraham's act of faith say about his belief in God...and what was the result?

6. How does God refer to Isaac in Genesis 22:2, 12, 16 and Heb. 11:17?

Isaac wasn't Abraham's only son, so why does God call him that?

7. How are Isaac's and Jacobs' acts of faith and hope for the future expressed?

8. Read [Hebrews 11:22](#), [Genesis 50:24-26](#) and [Joshua 24:32](#). How did Joseph express his faith and future hope?

IT'S HEBREW TO ME

The record of Abraham's life of faith give us the first occurrences of two of the most significant words and concepts in the Bible...

1) When God said "Take your son, your only son, whom you love..." (Gen. 22:2) it was the first time the word "love" (אהב "ahab") appeared in the Bible!

2) In Gen. 26:5, when God reminds Isaac of his father Abraham's faithfulness, He says that "Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions." The Hebrew word translated "instructions" is תורה (torah). This is the first time torah is mentioned in the Bible – nearly 500 years before Moses received The Torah at Mt. Sinai.

...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

My idea of hope and faith have been linked for a long time with waiting for God and believing that the thing I was longing for would eventually happen *if* I was faithful and *if* it was His will – one or both of those had to be true. I had hope and faith in God to heal my husband and marriage. I had hope to have more children. I hoped for my dad to be healed. If these things didn't happen either I hadn't been really faithful or it wasn't God's will. I clung to verses like "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life." And while this verse is true – it's true because it's axiomatic. It's not true in the sense that I'll eventually get my desires fulfilled – and won't that be a lovely feeling? It's true only in the sense that my longing heart really is sick while I wait.

Two things happened that began to tighten up my view of faith and hope. The first was not getting really good things that I had prayerfully, faithfully, and with great hope longed for – I didn't get more children and my dad went Home never cured of multiple sclerosis. Even writing those words in this moment brings me great sadness. My longings in those areas remain unfulfilled. The second thing that happened – and that has been more of a process and not a specific point in time – is a getting a better understanding of what God means by faith and hope. Abraham? Sarah? Isaac? Jacob? Joseph? – "all died *in faith* not having received the things promised." Yet, here they are as paragons of faith – shouldn't they have received all their promises? Did they die heart-sick not getting their desires fulfilled? No. They died in faith knowing that "he who promised" would be faithful. It's not that God was their waiter serving up their desires on a platter. Instead, they had the right understanding of God whose thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are our ways His ways.

That understanding changed me. Wanting a lot of children? A great thought! Wanting my dad to be healed? Also wonderful. Why wouldn't God want that for me? I don't know, but He didn't...*that's* where faith comes in. I look around and don't see the world in subjection to Him, but I still see Him. I consider Him. I have faith in Him. I don't let go and live a with no hope, but I look beyond the timing of my hope and remember that God's ways aren't mine any more than His timing is. I consider *Him* faithful. My hope looks to Him, and that's beyond what I may or may not get in this life.

That's where I am in my understanding of faith and hope. I pray continually for growth and better understanding. I don't know what is on your hope list today, but I pray that at the top of it is "I see Him." Your heart may be sick at the thought of not getting what you are longing for. Your eyes may be pouring over with tears of sadness at the thought of your longing never being realized. But you will see Him, and that longing will be fulfilled and that will be a tree of life.

S H E C O N S I D E R E D

Him Faithful
Hebrews 11:11

W H O M A D E T H E
P R O M I S E .

- L M C C W O M E N -

...Lesson Eleven - Day Eight...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 11:1 & 6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passages for today. As you read, make note of the mentions of Moses and the people then connect them to one another in the margins of your Bible:

[Hebrews 11:23-29](#) and [Exodus 2:1-21; 12:1-14, 50-51; Deut. 34:1-12](#)

BY FAITH... MOSES & THE PEOPLE

1. Paraphrase the life of Moses as summarized in Hebrews 11:23-29. Focus on the key *actions* and *emotions* of the people in each season of life. Do you see any similarities to the life of Jesus?

v. 23 By faith Moses' parents...

v. 24 By faith Moses...

v. 25 By faith Moses...

v. 26 By faith Moses...

v. 27 By faith Moses...

v. 28 By faith Moses...

v. 29 By faith Moses and the people...

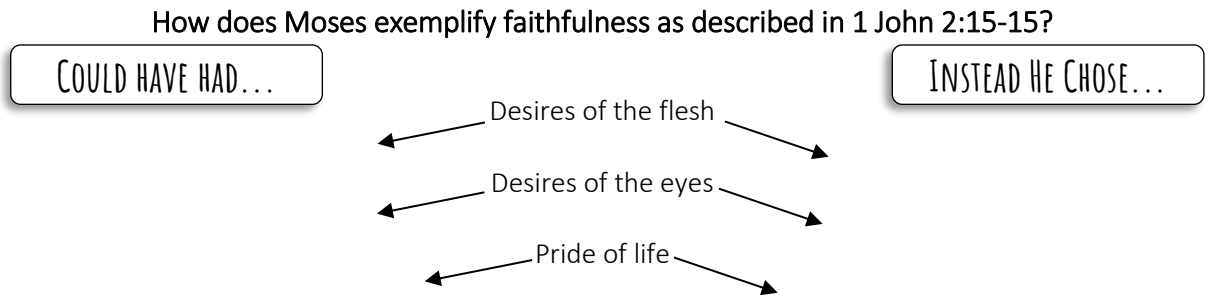
There are striking similarities between the lives of Moses and Jesus. Add any your observations above.

2. What parent doesn't look at their child with love and see how beautiful their child is? Read [Acts 7:20](#) in several versions and see that this was not just parental pride. What did God think about Moses?

Fear can paralyze us, cause us to be irrational, or propel us to act in spite of our fears. We can act out of fear that something might never happen like not getting pregnant – think: Abraham and Sarah. We can also act out of the fear of what could happen – like getting yourself or your baby killed by the king.

3. How did Moses' parents and Moses act in faith in spite of truly fearful circumstances?

4. Read [1 John 2:15-17](#). How does the author describe the life Moses could have experienced had he chosen to do so? (11:25) _____



5. What are some areas in your life you might be tempted along these lines? How can you respond faithfully?

6. What was the “great reward” Moses was looking to? (11:26)

What “reward” then was he passing up?

Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ Το Με

The phrase translated “looking to the reward” is unique to Hebrews. “Looking to” is from the word ἀπέβλεπεν (apeblepen) which emphasizes *separation* – a *complete break with*; looking *away* from the past and focusing on God's "next stop." The word translated “reward” μισθαποδοσίαν (misthapodosian) is the same as in 10:35 that holding our confidence has “great reward.”

7. How is it possible that Moses “considered the reproach of Christ?” Did he know about Jesus to come? What do you think?

8. How was Moses’ keeping the Passover an act of faith? What about the people crossing the Red Sea?

...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

After seeing the Lord of the Rings, I can never say the words, “My precious” without hearing Gollum’s obsessed, raspy voice and seeing him in my mind hunched and grasping for that Ring. Gollum epitomized greed and obsession. His focus on the Ring so consumed him that he became a grotesque creature. If greed and obsession could take on a form, they would look and sound like his hideous character. Tolkien’s infamous character reminds me of how our lives could be when we keep our eyes on this world and what it offers. If our sin could walk around and beside us like little Gollums, maybe we’d see how hideous the desires of our flesh actually are. If when we put the fear of this world over our faith in Christ we heard the hissing voice of Gollum, maybe we’d be more inclined to turn our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to Him.

When we look to Jesus, we hear the tenderness of His voice. When we reach for his reward, we see His face. Like Moses, who turned aside from the wealth he could have so easily kept, we must consider Christ as better than anything this world could offer. Anything we can lust after, long for, focus on can easily become a substitute for what truly satisfies. We must by faith see him “who is invisible.”

Considering all that Moses endured, it is not surprising that he could write, “...teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love...” (Ps. 90) We must come to God as our teacher to help be wise in how we live. We’re so prone to see this world and desire what it can offer. Let us pray that we would be satisfied always and only in God’s unfailing love, that only God would be precious to us.

...Lesson Eleven - Day Nine...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 11:1 & 6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passages for today.

[Hebrews 11:30-39](#); [Joshua 6:1-25](#);

— BY FAITH... RAHAB, GIDEON, BARAK, AND OTHERS —

1. Read [Joshua 5:6](#). How many years are between Hebrews 11:29 and 11:30? ____ Why so many years? Verse 29 has the people crossing the Red Sea headed for the Promised Land. Verse 30 is when the walls of Jericho fell. Why didn't they just walk up to Canaan and take it right after crossing the Red Sea?

2. What, then was the difference between the generation who died in the wilderness and the generation allowed to enter the Promised Land?

3. Rahab is not only mentioned in this account of the faithful, she is mentioned in an even more amazing account. Read [Matthew 1:1-6](#). So, after the people crossed over, took Jericho, and protected Rahab and her entire family...

...she marries and starts a family with _____. They have a son named _____ who ends up marrying _____ and they have a son named _____ who then have a son named _____. He has several sons, but the youngest becomes the first righteous king of Israel: _____. Finally, 28 generations later, Rahab's royal line bring us:

Let's be sure we grasp this: Rahab, living among evil people as a prostitute is still considered not only faithful but worthy of mention in the genealogy of Christ, why? Read [James 2:25](#)

4. The author feels the same way that I do in preparing this study at this point "what more shall I say? Time would fail me to tell of..." Each of the men mentioned, not unlike Rahab, had true faith but serious moral failings or even moments of faithless doubting. Consider each and write a brief account of their life:

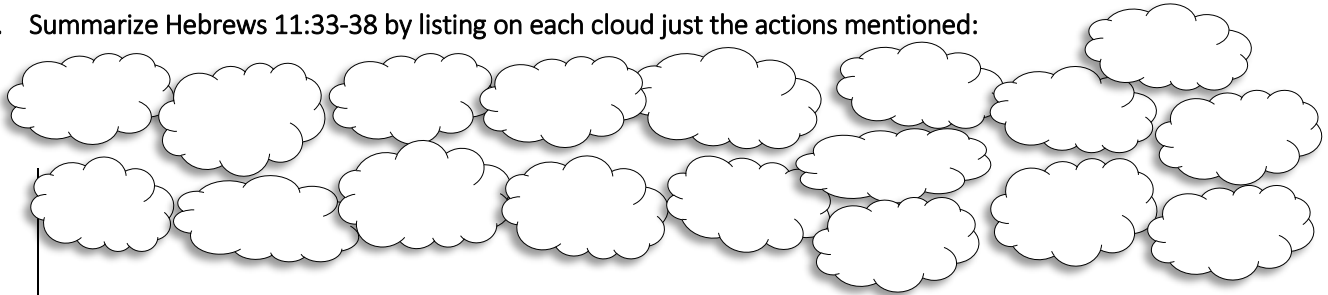
[Judges 6:11, 4:6-8, 13:24, 11:1, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, 1:20](#)

Gideon - _____

Barak - _____

Samson - _____
 Jephthah - _____
 David - _____
 Samuel - _____

5. Summarize Hebrews 11:33-38 by listing on each cloud just the actions mentioned:



6. Did they live a happy, prosperous, “best life now” lives by the world’s standards? What does the author say? (11:39-40) Note the word “made perfect” (τελειόω/teliow) which we’ve seen throughout is not moral perfection but the idea of coming to the perfect end of your purpose in life – faithful obedience to God.

7. By listing for those who he had warned not to “throw away your confidence, which has a great reward” (10:35) what is the author trying to remind us today?

8. Read the [following passages](#). Be assured of your inheritance and reward!

[Hebrews 9:15](#) – Who can receive the inheritance God offers?

[Galatians 3:18, 29](#) – What are you if you belong to Christ?

[Colossians 1:12-14; 3:24](#) – When we serve the Lord, what will we receive?

[1 Peter 1:3-5](#) – Describe our inheritance:

...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

Is it hard to imagine yourself when you read of the lives of these men and women? It is for me. With very few exceptions, each of these died for their faith. But who is called to follow? Aren’t we all struggling, worried, failures to some degree? I am. And yet there Jesus is calling us with all our mess-ups, with our past, with our pride, with our vices. Our lives should be lived in the world as if to be listed right along the roll call of these faithful. Why not? That’s not pride...that’s faith. Are we going to blow it? Yep. But so did every one of the faithful listed in this chapter! But each one – like you and me – received grace from God.

How could it be grace if we weren’t so weak and unworthy? Be ready. Be willing. Be aware of the cost. Practice your faith where you live – with your finances, your family, your friendships. Obey God, have faith, and live like those who have gone before us.

...Lesson Eleven - Day Ten...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 11:1 & 6

— CREATE & SHARE —

Take time today to write about and/or illustrate the life of one of those listed in Hebrews 11. Use an online or other source to find their account in the Bible. BibleGateway is helpful – type in their name and read through any occurrence in the Bible.



1. Who was a shepherd?	Abel	
2. Whose name <u>wasn't</u> changed?	Moses	
3. Who spent three months in hiding?	Moses	<i>Gideon hid too...how many months? We don't know</i>
4. Who wrestled with God?	Jacob	
5. Whose prophecy is quoted outside the Bible?	Enoch	- Jude quotes from the Book of Enoch (a pseudepigraphal book) in verses 14-15
6. Who was not listed in the genealogy of Christ?	Enoch	
7. Who was a murder?	Moses	
8. Whose victory is credited to a woman?	Barak	



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Hebrews _____



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You are Loved
and
Prayed for.



