

# Hebrews 11.

## Walking by Faith not Sight



**Key verse:** Hebrews 11:1.

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

**Kick Off**



## Study

**Big Idea:** Faith in God is needed for Christians to live a God honouring life in this life.

On what basis to you have confidence that swallowing pain killers will relieve your headache?

Is faith in God any different? Explain.

### STUDY

**Read Hebrews 1-7.**

1. Define Christian faith from verses 1 and 6. What is faith all about?
2. What is the whole argument about origins whether Creation Science or Evolution really founded on v3?
3. How does Abel, though dead, still speak by faith today?
4. How was faith the thing that enabled Enoch to not experience death?
5. How was Noah's faith both the salvation and the condemnation of the world?

**Read Hebrews 11:8- 22.**

6. What are the three key tests Abraham underwent and how did his faith win out each time?

V8...

V11...

V17...

**Read Hebrews 11:23-40.**

7. If you were not a careful reader it would be possible to read faith as the ingredient needed to live a successful, impressive earthly life. Try and reflect on the historical situation each of the people mentioned in this section. Reflect on how ridiculous their faith would have seemed in

the light of their current situation and yet how their faith in the unseen God enabled them to see a bigger reality which proved right even in their own life time.

Moses vv 24-26...

The Israelite army v 30...

Rahab v31...

8. Believing faith is not all about our earthly success. It is about God's eternal glory. How does vv35-38 refute the modern day false teachers lies that faith is all about health, wealth and prosperity here and now?

God's faithfulness in his past actions is the basis of our confidence. While the Old Testament believers experienced his faithfulness and heard his promises we have Jesus. Jesus is the fulfilment of every Old Testament promise and the real means by which we have peace with God. Jesus' perfect life and sacrificial death and glorious resurrection is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises of universal and everlasting salvation and blessing. God's action for us in Christ at the cross is the basis of our faith and hope. But until Christ returns we need faith to live for the unseen eternal future reality and reject the visible earthly shadow we're currently passing through.

## THINK AND APPLY

Think about how Christian faith results in victories of all kinds, whether it's the grisly death of a Martyr or a glorious conquest over injustice. How strong is your faith in God to live for him no matter what your current circumstances look like?

What things could dint your faith in Christ and why?

## PRAYER

**What can you pray about arising from this study?**



**For next week  
Read  
Acts 10:34-48**