

# A Study of Hebrews

## Lesson 10

Hebrew 11:1-40

### A Call to Faith

(Hebrews 11:1-40)

Hebrews 11 is sometimes called the faith chapter of the Bible. When one reads through the book, it is easy to see why. Some say that Hebrews 11:1 is a very good definition for faith while others say it describes faith. Faith is the proof of our hope and convictions even though we cannot visibly see it. We certainly see the effects of faith however, and there is a chapter full of faith's evidence in Hebrews 11. The Hebrew writer is not just telling us about faith, but he is impressing on his readers that they should imitate the type of faith described in the chapter.

1. How would you define faith AND what does it mean to you?

In the chart below, please look up the verse and write the name of the person of faith. In the third column write a short thought about how they showed their faith.

Verse	Person Named	How Their Faith Was Shown
v. 4		
v. 5		
v. 7		
vv. 8-10		
vv. 11-12		
vv. 17-19		
v. 20		
v. 21		
v. 22		
v. 23		
vv. 24-28		
vv. 29-30		
v. 31		

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2. Why does the Hebrew writer begin with our faith in Creation in Heb 11:3? (Read Ps 33:6-9)

3. What does it mean to live by faith?

4. What is the correlation between faith and obedience?

"From the examples of faith lifted up in this chapter it seems clear that what is not primarily in view is what we feel or possess--assurance, confidence--but rather, how faith substantiates, or gives substance to, what is promised, how it provides evidence of what is believed about unseen and hoped-for realities. Faith, indeed, has a way of making the future present and the unseen visible....Faith makes concrete what is unavailable to our sight." (Hagner, Donald A. Encountering the Book of Hebrews, pp. 142.)

5. Hebrews 11:33-38 gives a list of more individuals with the disclaimer that the author does not have time to go into detail about these individuals. What kinds of things did these people do by faith?

6. What does the Hebrew writer mean in vs. 38 when he says that world was not worth of them?

7. What is it that those who were commended for their faith did not receive? (Heb 11:39-40)

8. Choose one of the characters in Hebrews 11 who demonstrated great faith. Write below and be prepared to share what impresses you most about the faith of this character.

9. List below some ways in which we might increase our faith.