

Hebrews 11:1-19

Faith Explained (vv.1-3)

What is faith? Confidence in what we hope for. Assurance about what we do not see.

Faith is not a blind leap into darkness, but a trust in God that moves us out of darkness into light.

Faith is simple, but not simplistic.

Faith is not blind gullibility.

Faith involves trusting in what is not seen.

Faith means more than believing in God; it means believing God.

Faith Examples (vv.4-12)

Abel: The Sacrifice of Faith

“By faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.” Hebrews 11:4

Enoch: The Walk of Faith

“Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.” Genesis 5:24

Noah: The Work of Faith

Abraham and Sarah: The Journey of Faith

“Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.” Genesis 12:1

God is the sending agent, the companion for the journey, and he is also the destination.

The Home of Faith (vv.13-19)

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12-14

Discussion Questions:

- Would you describe yourself as a person of faith? Why or why not?
- Of the various Old Testament men and women described in Hebrews 11:1-19, whose example of faith stands out most to you?
- What has been a result of faith at work in your life recently?

