

# Hebrews

## Chapter 11

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### OPEN:

Tell of one time in your life that your faith helped you in a difficult situation.

### REVIEW:

What is the situation with the people to whom the author of Hebrews is writing?

How does the author deal with this situation in chapters 1-2?

In chapters 3-4?

In chapters 5-9?

In chapter 10?

### STUDY:

Read Hebrews 11:1-3. How does the author describe faith?

What benefit did our ancestors receive for their faith?

What does faith say about creation?

Does this contradict theories of evolution? Why or why not?

Read Hebrews 11:4-7. What examples of faith does the author cite in this passage?

What do all three have in common?

What does verse 6 say about faith?

Read Hebrews 11:8-16. Who is the example of faith in these verses?

What did he do in faith?

According to verses 13, what happened to Abraham's descendants?

In what way are we strangers and foreigners on the earth?

Read Hebrews 11:17-21. What else did Abraham do that showed he had faith?

How did faith help Abraham do this?

What other examples of faith are in this passage?

Read Hebrews 11:23-28. How did Moses' parents act in faith?

What part of Moses life is referred to in vv.24-27?

What did this prove?

Read Hebrews 11:29-38. In verses 33-38, what good things happened to people who had faith?

What bad things happened to people who had faith?

What does this contrast tell us about a life of faith?

Read Hebrews 11:39-40. Despite their good works, what did these Old Testament heroes and heroines not receive?

### REFLECT

How does faith give you courage?

If all these people in the Old Testament were so faithful, why did God need to provide a new covenant?

What does this chapter say about patriotism? About pleasing God? About the relationship between faith and works?