

“FAITH’S HALL OF FAME - Part II” (Hebrews 11)

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1. Abraham (vv. 8-10, 17-19; Gen. 12:1-5; 22:1-19).

- A. Journeyed by faith (Heb. 11:8; Gen. 12:1-4).
- B. Dwelt in a strange land by faith (vv. 9-10; Gen. 12:5).
- C. Was willing to sacrifice his son (vv. 17-21; Gen. 22:1-22).

2. Sarah (vv. 11-12; Gen. 18:10-15) – trusted God for a son.

- Why aren’t their faith failures (Gen. 12:10-20; chapter 16; 18:10-15)? Heb. 8:8-13; 10:16-17!

3. Isaac (v. 20) - spoke prophetically over the lives of his two sons, Jacob & Esau (Gen. 27:27-29, 39-40).

- A. Prophecy is by faith, not just by revelation (Rom. 12:6).

4. Jacob (v. 21) - spoke prophetically over Joseph’s two sons, his grandsons, Ephraim & Manasseh (Gen. 48:8-22).

- A. All can prophesy (1Cor. 14:31).

5. Joseph (v. 22) – believed Israel’s destiny was Canaan, not Egypt, and that’s where he wanted burial (Gen. 50:22-26).

- A. Faith believes & acts on God’s word (Ex. 13:19; Jos. 24:32)!

6. Moses (vv. 23-29)

- A. His parents believed he had a calling (v. 23; Ex. 2:1-2).
- B. Faith obeys God rather than men (Acts 5:29)!
- C. Faith doesn’t choose the easiest path (vv. 24-25).
- D. Faith looks to the long-term spiritual rewards over the short-term earthly rewards (vv. 26-27).
- E. Faith takes God at His Word (vv. 28-29).

7. The Israelites (v. 30) – believed for the walls of Jericho to fall – didn’t stop short of victory (2Cor. 4:18)!

8. Rahab (v. 31) – by faith got in on Israel’s victory (Josh. 2).

9. Others (v. 32) – more hall of faithers.

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH (Heb. 11:33-40).

- A. Responds effectively to life’s challenges (vv. 33-35a).
- B. Perseveres during times of persecution (vv. 35b-38).
 - 1. Faith didn’t keep them from suffering (2Tim. 3:12).
- C. The world is not worthy of such faith, but let’s demonstrate it to them anyway (vv. 38-40).

CONCLUSION: Let’s be faithful to run our leg of the faith race with endurance and perseverance (12:1; 2Tim. 4:7-8)!