

Lesson 11

Hebrews 11:32-40 ~ FINAL STUDY

As we look at this closing section of Hebrews 11 we come to a collage of characters, the final heroes of faith. We do not have time to study all those mentioned here, however for the sake of further study try to take the time in the next few days to look up each one and personally examine their life.

A Facet of the Past...

1. The roll call of heroes continues with the six men named in verse 32. List them in the table below and then write a brief description of who they were in a few words. The first is given as an example.

Name	Description
1. Gideon	Judge over Israel
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

- a. Who stands out to you in this group?
- b. Was there anyone listed you did not expect to see?

2. From the remainder of our verses list the things these and others accomplished or suffered because of their faith.

3. Verse 33 states that these men of faith “obtained promises.” Joshua 21:44–45 describes one such promise that God fulfilled to the children of Israel. Read these verses as a means of encouragement. Can you list a time in your own life when God fulfilled a specific promise to you?

4. In verse 34 it says, “Their weakness was turned to strength.” This excerpt echoes the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:5–10. How is it possible that our weakness can be strength in God’s eyes?
 - a. Are there any circumstances in your life right now where your weakness could become strength in the hands of God?

 - b. Is there anything you are holding on to that is preventing God from doing this work in your life?

The Framework of Life...

5. Verses 35b–38 records unbelievable treatment committed against Old Testament saints. In whom or what does it say they placed their trust?
 - a. Although their trust was in the Lord they did not escape suffering and trials. How do you think this would have affected their faith?

 - b. Many of the afflictions mentioned in these verses were long-term, even for a lifetime. How were these people able to sustain their faith and the courage to keep going in the midst of great trials?

- c. Has there ever been a time in your life when you were doing “the right things” for God yet life just seemed to get harder? How did this affect your faith? Were you ever tempted to think it just wasn’t fair? If so, what did you do to combat those feelings?
 - d. Is there something you can share with your group that could be an encouragement to someone else who is possibly going through such a circumstance today?
6. When suffering does occur in a Christian’s life, why is it so often a spiritual struggle?



7. God does not promise His saints deliverance from all difficulty. How do the following scriptures confirm this fundamental truth?

Scripture	Lesson
Mark 8:34	
John 15:20	
John 16:33	
2 Corinthians 7:4	
Philippians 3:10	
1 Peter 4:13	

- a. Which of these verses is most significant to you in suffering? Please explain.

“Scars are the price which every believer
pays for his loyalty to Christ.”

William Hendrickson

Fluctuations of Faith...

8. The Old Testament record of these saints reveal that they were not perfect, in fact some had serious failure and sin yet Hebrews makes no mention of these incidents. Where is the emphasis placed?

9. If God is not so concerned with the quantity of our faith or the fact that we will oftentimes fail, what is He concerned with? Can you provide a scripture to support your answer?

Scripture: _____

“There are a thousand ways of pleasing God,
but not one without faith.”

Anonymous



The Finality of Life ...

10. In your opinion what is the main message of Hebrews chapter 11?

11. If you could be one of the characters mentioned in Hebrews 11 for one day, which would you be and why?

12. As we close let's take a **Faith Test**. Match the Pilgrim of Faith with their personal portrait:

Abel	I asked for a sign
Noah	I was encouraged to 'Be Strong & Courageous'
Sarah	I was a constant traveler
Joshua	I was God's walking partner
Abraham	I learned to be a builder
Isaac	My heart's desire was given at an old age
Enoch	I wrestled with God
Moses	I was a victim of my brother's anger
Gideon	I forsook comfort for eternal reward
Jacob	I was an heir of Abraham

13. Try to match the Bible reference with the results of **tested faith**:

Job 42:10	Satan's darts of doubt are extinguished
Luke 1:30-31, 34-38	God's Word and will are accomplished in you
Romans 4:19-21	God's promises are fulfilled in your life
Ephesians 6:16	Doubled blessings
James 1:3 establish you	Christ himself will perfect, confirm, strengthen, and
1 Peter 5:8-10	Patience or endurance

14. Match the passage with the corresponding "evidence of faith" by putting the appropriate letter in the blank. Are these "evidences" seen in your life?

___ Exodus 14:31	a. I have endurance and patience
___ Habakkuk 2:4	b. I am fearing God and believing Him
___ 2 Corinthians 4:13	c. I am asking and not doubting
___ 2 Thessalonians 1:3	d. I am living by faith
___ James 1:3	e. I am speaking about God
___ James 1:6	f. I am loving others and growing in faith

Evidences in my life _____



15. Each of the following references tells us the benefit of having faith in God. Write out the key words for each passage (you do not need to write out the entire verse).

By having faith in God we have...

Psalm 84:12 ~

Proverbs 3:5-6 ~

Matthew 21:21-22 ~

Romans 15:13 ~

Ephesians 3:12~

1 Peter 1:8 ~

1 John 5:4 ~

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.
It is so sure and certain that man could stake his life on it a thousand times.”

Martin Luther

16. After studying this great chapter of faith, try writing an acrostic for faith. (e.g., Faith is Fantastic Adventure In Trusting Him).

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A -

I -

T -

H -

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
2 Corinthians 5:7



“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1