

Faith results in
perseverance.

Hebrews 11



God's faithfulness unites the stories of Hebrews 11.



Moses was a great man!



Moses has a great God!

God's faithfulness endures
when my strength fails.
(Heb 10:38; *cf* Hab 2:4; 2 Cor 12:8-10)

Faith: trusting the promises of God
(vv. 1-2).

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation.”

OT Saints lived like God’s promises were true
(Rom 4:1-12 cf Gen 15:6).

Real Faith

Fake Faith

God is the focus.

My 'faith' is the focus.

Relies on God's effort.

Relies on my effort.

Trust God has already done it.

Tells me to try a little harder.

Glorifies God.

Exalts self-effort.

Leads to commendation.

Results in condemnation.

Only two options exist: Condemnation or Commendation.

“those who shrink
back and are
destroyed ...”

Heb 10:39a).

“Depart from me,
you who are
cursed ...”

(Mt 25:41).

“those who have
faith and preserve
their souls ...”

(Heb 10:39b).

“Well done, good
and faithful
servant ...”

(Mt 25:21).

Hebrews lays a foundation
for us to *live by faith*.

1. God made/kept promises to OT saints.
2. Jesus fulfills/perfects all OT promises.
3. Jesus brings greater promises.
4. Jesus died/lives/intercedes for you.

Therefore ... live by faith.

8 ways to *live by faith*
from Hebrews 11.



1. By faith know God as creator/controller of all things (v. 3, *cf* Rom. 1:18-23).

2. Walk by faith in *daily living* (vv. 4-7).

- A. Walk by faith, and though you die, your life will still speak (v. 4a).
- B. Walk by faith, and receive commendation (v. 5).
- C. Without faith it is impossible to please God (v. 6).

3. Focus on the faithfulness of God's promises to get through difficulty (vv. 8-12).

A. One man, as good as dead turned into a nation (v. 12).

B. Others died before the promise, but God still fulfilled it (v. 13).

C. Receive a heavenly reward (v. 16).



4. Trust God's perfect vision when you cannot see the outcome (vv. 17-22).

5. Rely on God's way instead of the world's way (vv. 23-28).

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6. Let God fight for, and protect you (vv. 29-31).

7. Experience God's strength & peace during persecution (vv. 32-38).



8. Receive the commendation God promises to those who trust him (vv. 39-40).