

Prayer Concerns:**Heroes of Faith**

Hebrews 11:1-22

Faith:

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (1)

Faith is _____ in God, a firm conviction that what He says is _____ and what He promises He will _____.

Men of Faith:

1. Find their _____ in _____. (4)
2. Walk _____ with God. (5-6)
3. Respond with _____. (7-12, 17-19)
4. Embrace the mindset of a _____,
not a _____. (13-16)
5. Leave a _____. (20-22)

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Growing up, who was your greatest hero?

Digging Deeper:

Read Hebrews 11:1-22

1. Did you have any misconceptions about faith before studying this chapter? How did Sunday's message and this passage help clarify what faith really is?
2. Explain in your own words how the people of old received their approval from God. In what did they place their faith? How is their faith the same as our faith? How is it different?
3. Read James 2:14-26. Describe your understanding of the interplay between faith and works. How did the men of Hebrews 11 live out what James is describing?
4. For what were Enoch, Noah, and Abraham commended? What elements of their faith are present in your life? Which need to be developed?

5. In what ways have you made this world your home? How was Abraham a foreigner and a temporary resident (visitor)? Why are these appropriate words for describing Christians? What can we learn and apply to our own lives from Abraham and the other patriarchs living as resident aliens?
6. Review Hebrews 11:20-22. What impact did Abraham's faith have on his children? How are you impressing your faith on the hearts of your own children and grandchildren?

Taking it Home:

1. Are you feeling at home in this world? Do you long for comfort in the culture in which you live? How can you better prepare for the day when Christ will return and you will be home in every sense of the word? How can you fight against feeling at home in this world?
2. Review the 5 characteristics of faith described in your sermon notes. Which ones need to be developed in your life? Invite the Lord to empower you to persevere in faith and faithfulness.