

“Walking by Faith”

Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 10:19 – Chap.12:3 - Faith

Faith

Introduction:

- Define faith. What are some popular misconceptions of faith?
- Read through Hebrews 11. How would the author of Hebrews define faith?
- Are there any examples of faith in Hebrews 11 that surprise you?

Our cloud of witnesses:

- There is a Threefold Division of Hebrews 11 that takes us through the entire Old Testament...
 - 11:3-7—Faith before the Flood.
 - 11:8-31—Faith of the Pilgrims.
 - 11:32-38—Faith in the Land.
- Some popular misconceptions about faith:
 - Faith is merely intellectual.
 - Faith is merely sentimental.
 - Faith is “blind”.
 - Faith is certain.
- How Hebrews 11 defines faith:
 - Faith is about seeing with your ears. (11:13-16)
 - Faith is an active trust.
 - Faith is diverse in its applications and outcomes.
 - Faith requires perseverance.

Fix your eyes on Jesus: Hebrews 12:1-3

- Persevering in your faith will require...
 - The proper discipline
 - The proper mindset
 - The proper focus

Application:

- Talk about your legacy in faith. Who is in your “cloud of witnesses?” How do they motivate you to run your race?
- How does Hebrews 11 sharpen or change the way that you understand faith?
- Reflect on whether there are weights or sins that you need to cast off in order to run with perseverance.

Understanding the Structure of Hebrews:

- 1) Jesus is a Better Message and Messenger (1-4)
 - a) Better than the Prophets (1:1-3)
 - b) Better than the Angels (1:4-2:18)
 - c) Better than Moses (3:1-19)
 - d) Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and Better than Joshua (4:1-13)
- 2) Jesus is a Better Sacrifice and High Priest (5-10)
 - a) Better than the earthly High Priests (4:14-7:28)
 - b) Mediates a better covenant in a better sanctuary with a better sacrifice (8:1-10:18)
- 3) Jesus Demands Better Faith (11-13)
 - a) A Call to Faith (10:19-25)
 - b) Examples of Faith (11-12:3)
 - c) A Call for a Disciplined Faith (12:4-29)
 - d) Faith in action (13)

HEBREWS					
Prologue (1:1-4)	Jesus Christ: Superior in His Person Superior to: Prophets Angels Moses The Sabbath Other priests <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:1-4:13	Jesus Christ: Superior as Our Priest Better than: Earthly priesthood Old covenant (Mosaic system) Animal sacrifices Daily offerings <i>CHAPTERS</i> 4:14-10:18	Jesus Christ: Superior for Life Let us have: Faith to believe God Hope to endure trials Love to encourage others <i>CHAPTERS</i> 10:19-13:25	Epilogue (13:20-25)	
Emphasis	Instruction			Exhortation	
Key Words	"Much better than" 1:4	"Better" 7:19		"Let us" 12:1	
Warnings	2:1-4	3:7-4:13	5:11-6:20	10:19-39	12:25-29
Theme	The absolute superiority of Jesus Christ				
Key Verse	4:14				
Christ in Hebrews	Jesus is the absolutely superior revelation of God and our eternal High Priest (1:1-14; 3:1).				