



I. Review

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. Hebrews 11:1-3

- Faith is something we all possess.
- Faith is action.

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the **measure of faith God has given you.*** Romans 12:3

*And without faith it is **impossible** to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.* Hebrews 11:6

Faith is the hinge that your Christian beliefs swing on – in fact faith is the hinge that life swings on.

II. Great Cloud of Witnesses

***Therefore**, since we are surrounded by such a **great cloud of witnesses**, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.* Hebrews 12:1

Faith Lessons from the Heroes:

1. **Abel** – Living with faith begins by dealing with my **SIN**.
"I can't live a life of faith because of my family"
2. **Enoch** – Faith is a part of **EVERYDAY LIFE**. Continuing to do the right thing in the right direction – faithful living.
"I can't live a life of faith because there are no Christians around me."
3. **Noah** – Faith was proven in daily **OBEDIENCE** for 100 years
"I can't live a life of faith because it is too hard."
4. **Abraham and Sarah** – faith that handles the **BLESSINGS** of God correctly
"I can't live a life of faith because I am too old."
5. **Moses** – faith that enables you to say "**NO**"
"I can't live with faith – there is too much temptation."

III. Joshua and Rahab – faith that demonstrates **COURAGE**.

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"But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers." Deuteronomy 6:23

IV. **JOSHUA**

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"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." Joshua 1:6-7

Fear will take you **BACKWARD**.

"Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" Joshua 5:13-14

"Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men." Joshua 6:2

V. **RAHAB**

"By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient." Hebrews 11:31

"In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?" James 2:25

1. Importance of **SAVING FAITH**.

"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." John 3:18

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." (John 3:36, NIV)

Her faith was **PRACTICAL**

A. **MIND**

"and said to them, "I know that the Lord has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you." Joshua 2:9

B. **EMOTIONS**

"When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." Joshua 2:11

C. **WILL**

"Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign" Joshua 2:12

D. **EVIDENCE** of her faith

E. **REWARDS** for Rahabs' faith