

Living a Life of Faith

An ABF Series on Hebrews 11

A Review of the Life of Faith

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Examining the Conclusion

The Powerful _____ of Faith (vv. 32-35a)

The author lists ten powerful accomplishments of faith, and as one commentator noted the first nine break into three triads.

1. _____ accomplishments
2. Personal _____
3. Military victory

The High _____ of Faith (vv. 35b-38)

The believers to whom the author of this book was writing were ready to call it quits because things were getting hard, but a

careful read through this section would be enough to convict them that difficulty has often been the case for God's people.

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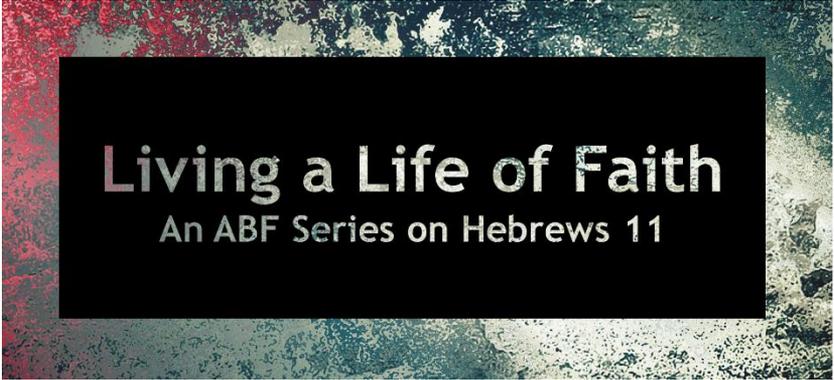
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Themes of Hebrews 11

- *Pleasing God* (vv. 2, 4-6)
- *Standing against the corrupt culture* (vv. 7, 13-16)
- *Not walking by sight* (vv. 8-12)
- *Living for eternity* (vv. 13-16)
- *Clinging to the promises* (vv. 17-22)
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Application

Chapter 12 picks up chapter 11 and gives us two commands: "Let us lay aside every weight... and let us run with patience [endurance] the race set before us." In the end, the "heroes of faith" aren't the real heroes, Jesus is. They were waiting for Him, and we have been given Him. Hebrews 11 is not how a bunch of super saints lived lives we never could, but how broken people like us can endure by looking to the God who has promised us unimaginable things if we will respond to Him in faith.



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