

Living a Life of Faith

An ABF Series on Hebrews 11

Lesson 2 - A Life of Faith is a Life that Pleases God

Some people make the claim that there is nothing you or I can do to please God. While that may sound wonderfully spiritual and grace-filled, but it is very unscriptural (Romans 12:1-2, Romans 14:18, 2 Corinthians 5:9, Ephesians 5:10, Philippians 4:18, Colossians 3:18, Hebrews 13:20-21). Hebrews 11 is a chapter that is all about how to please God. This is where the author starts, and this is in many ways what the whole chapter is about, because that should be what our lives are all about.

The Prologue of Hebrews 11 (vv. 1-3)

To fully understand Hebrews 11, it is important to understand what the author has just said: _____ ! **(10:19-25)** The author commands his audience to hold fast to what they have been given. _____ ! **(10:26-31)** The author warns what will happen if his listeners do not heed his command. You _____ it! **(10:32-39)** The author both reminds them of past victory and supports his argument with Scripture. It is this final quotation of Scripture that leads us into Hebrews 11.

- The prologue describes the _____ of faith (v. 1)
- The prologue shows the _____ of faith (v. 2)
- The prologue _____ to the examples of faith (v. 3)

Abel (v. 4)

The first example of faith the author gives us is Abel. While the story in Genesis focuses on Cain, the author of Hebrews focuses on Abel and his faith and faithfulness to God. The life of Abel teaches us that God accepts the worship and service of those who believe in him, but that he rejects the worship of those who try to live for him but do so in a state of unbelief.

Enoch (v. 5)

Enoch ties together two key concepts together that we have seen in this lesson so far: _____ God and being _____ by God. The author shows how these two are a cause and effect, when God commands one of His servants, He does so because they please Him.

Us (v. 6)

At the end of this introductory section, the author applies and reviews what he has said thus far:

_____ is necessary to live a life that _____ God
so that we can be _____ by God.

Like the original audience, we too can believe God exists and yet think the life he has called us to is too hard. We can also slip back into an apathetic, lethargic lifestyle that does live as God has called us but nevertheless thinks everything is fine between us and him. We need the call to faith as well, to believe both in God's _____ and in his _____.