

Hebrews Study #6: Hebrews 11
Exhortation to Full Assurance of Faith: Illustrated

Intro: How would you rate your trust and confidence in God on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the best). Why?

Chapter 11, sometimes called the “Saints Hall of Fame,” forms an honor roll of Old Testament saints who lived and died by faith. The chapter makes clear that, from the time of Adam on, God has honored faith, not works.

Read Hebrews 11

Question #1: How does the author define faith (vv. 1-3)? How does a person who struggles with doubts get faith and grow strong in faith?

Question #2: According to verse 6, there are two requirements that must be satisfied by those who come to God. What are they and why are they necessary?

Question #3: Does exercising faith always involve some measure of not knowing (v. 8)?

Question #4: Does faith mean putting our brains in neutral (vv. 17-19)? How can we know when to stop trying to understand and just to trust?

Question #5: How would you compare the faith of the named heroes and heroines who achieved greatness (vv. 20-35) with those unnamed persons who suffered grievously (vv. 35-40)? What do you learn about faith?

Reflection:

What concrete yet risky steps can you take to demonstrate a more radical faith?