



NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.

LESSON 18

HEBREWS 11:1-7

1. How did last week's study of **Hebrews 10:19-39** on Jesus, the better confidence, prepare you for this week? What truth, verse or insight was your lifeline?

2. We are entering what is known as the Hall of Faith, **Hebrews 11:1-7**, which recounts lives of ordinary men and women who exhibited extraordinary faith in God. Pray and read through these seven impactful verses. In what ways do you hear the word "faith" used in the world today? In whom or in what do people tend to put their faith?

3. Read **VI**:
 - a) How is faith defined and what do you think is meant by the phrases, "confidence in what we hope for" and "assurance in what we do not see"?

 - b) How would those who know you likely assess the confidence and assurance of your faith as demonstrated by your life?

4. From **Hebrews 11:2**, in your opinion, why is the faith of the ancients commendable, that is, admirable or deserving of praise?

5. What must we understand about creation "by faith" according to **V3**, and how is this understanding reflected in your everyday thoughts and actions?

6. Read **Genesis 4:1-10** for the backstory of Cain and Abel. From **Hebrews 11:4**, how is faith exemplified in Abel's life and death, and what did God think of him? See **1 John 3:12**.

7. **Hebrews 11:5** speaks of Enoch. What are some interesting details of his life and faith? See **Genesis 5:21-24**.

8. a) In your own words, from **Hebrews 11:6**, what do you need to do and what two convictions do you need to have to please God? Consider whether God would describe you as someone who earnestly seeks Him.

- 10) How do these verses further inform what it means for you to act by faith?
 - **2 Corinthians 5:6-9**

 - **Galatians 5:22-23**

- **Ephesians 2:8-9**

- **James 2:17-18**

9. Read **Genesis 6:9-22**. Summarize the key points of Noah's life and what made him stand out. From **Hebrews 11:7**, how does Noah's conduct and its consequences demonstrate the impact of living by faith?

10. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER FAITH

Understanding, practicing and persevering in faith are marks of a true believer in the God of the Bible. We are called to fix our eyes on Jesus, the "pioneer" and "perfecter" of faith. See **Hebrews 12:2**. Jesus is also the model of faith, the perfect demonstration of confidence and assurance in the unseen hand of God. How do the verses below open the door to a greater love for Jesus and commitment to persevere in faith and please God?

- **John 1:1-4, 14**
- **John 17:1-5**
- **Colossians 1:15-17**
- **1 John 1:9**
- **Revelation 19:11-16**

MEMORY VERSE

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1*

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PRAYER REQUEST