

BUILDING A STRONG LEGACY OF FAITH IN A SECULAR WORLD

Series: "Building Strong"

Hebrews 11:1-40

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1 Cor. 13:1-13 ¹³ *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.."*

Heb. 11:6 (NIV) *"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."*

HEBREWS 11:1-40 (niv)

INow faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² *This is what the ancients were commended for.* ³ *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.*

⁴ *By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead...*

⁶ *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.*

⁷ *By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.*

⁸ *By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going...*

²² *By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones...*

³⁰ *By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days...*

³⁹ *These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,* ⁴⁰ *since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect*

WHAT WE MUST MODEL AND TEACH ABOUT FAITH FAITH IS...

1. _____ WHEN I DON'T SEE IT.

Heb. 11:1 (NIV) *"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."*

2. _____ WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.

NOAH----

Heb. 11:7 (NLT) *"It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about something that had never happened before."*

ABRAHAM--

Heb. 11:8 (GN) *"It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him and go out to a country God had promised to him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going."*

3. _____ WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.

Heb. 11:27 (JB) *"It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the King's anger. He held to his purpose like a man who could see the invisible."*

Heb. 11:1 (NLT) *"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see."*

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4. IN ORDER TO EXPERIENCE IT.

Heb. 11:22 (NLT) “It was by faith that **Joseph**, when he was about to die, confidently spoke of God's bringing the people of Israel out of Egypt. He was so sure of it that he commanded them to carry his bones with them when they left!”

Heb. 11:3 (Mes) “By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see.”

Psalm 33:9 (NIV) “For He spoke, and it came to be.”

Rom. 4:17 (NIV) (God said) “I have made you a father of many nations... God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.”

Rom. 4:17 (LB) “God speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past.”

Rom. 10:10 (TEV) “For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved.”

5. WHEN I DON'T HAVE IT.

Heb. 11:4 (GN) “It was faith that made **Abel's** offering to God a better sacrifice than Cain's. Through his faith...God approved of his giving.”

2 Cor. 8:2-3 (ICB) “Because of their great joy... They gave even more than they could afford.”

Prov. 3:9 (LB) “Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns and overflow your barrels with the finest wines.”

1 Cor. 16:2 (LB) “On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for your offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.”

6. BEFORE I RECEIVE IT.

Heb. 11:30 (NIV) “By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.”

Mark 11:24 (GN) “When you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it and you will be given what you ask for.”

Matt. 9:29 (NLT) “Jesus said, ‘Because of your faith, it will happen.’”

7. IF I DON'T GET IT.

Heb. 11:39-40 (NIV) “They were all commended for their faith yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better...”

Rom. 10:17 (NIV) “Faith comes from hearing the Word of God...”