



Grace Life Church *of Dallas*

The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

Psalm 127:3

*Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward*

The Shahan's are expecting
(Whitney, Cory & Family)

Whitney is due October 10th

Please rejoice in the Lord
& pray for His grace





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Looking to Jesus & Enduring to the End Hebrews 11

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Hebrews 10:32-39

32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. 35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Hebrews 11

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Hebrews 11 & 12

39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Chapter 12

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

10:32 “enduring a hard struggle with suffering”, v33 “affliction”, v34 “the plundering of property”

- V36 “have need of endurance”
 - V39 We (true Christians) are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls
- 12:1** “Therefore...run with endurance the race that is set before us”

What is the race we are all running?

- Race: *agōn* (agonize)-relates to athletic events (Often used to describe the Christian life)
- What is the agonizing fight we are all in? The fight of faith
 - **1 Timothy 6:12** *Fight the good **fight** of faith? Take hold of eternal life*
 - **2 Timothy 4:7** “I have fought the good **fight**, I finished the race, I have kept the faith”

11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

11:2 For by it (faith) the people of old received their commendation.

V6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

In v4-38 Examples of true faith

- Take note that their faith produces works/obedience/decisions in the present
- Take note when tested what our examples look to in the fight of faith

Example 1 (v8-10 Abraham)

- *By faith Abraham obeyed (v8 went out, v9 lived in land of promise)*
- *V10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations who designer and builder is God*

Example 2 (v24-26 Moses)

- *By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaohs daughter (v25 choosing rather to be mistreated)*
- *v26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt **for** he was looking to the reward*

V39 And all these, though commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised

- *11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar*
- **Genesis 22:18** *in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed*
- **Galatians 3:8** *And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham**, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”*

*V40 since God had provided **something better for us**, that apart from us they should not be made perfect*

12:1 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us*

- *Let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely*
- Even though we have it “better” one of the reasons we still struggle is because we have “weights” and “sin” which make running the race of endurance much more difficult
 - Weights/sin here are anything in your life (may not be innately sinful) that keep you from seeing, focusing on, and savoring Jesus Christ and the gospel (Word, prayer)

Many of us struggle in our daily fight of faith, because we have the wrong object of our faith:

*V2 **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- Looking at others in our fight of faith is not the call
- Looking at ourselves in our fight of faith is not the call
- If we are going to endure to the end we must be constantly, continually and pointedly “**looking to Jesus**”