

Hebrews 11:1-4 "Courageous Faith"

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1. Introduction
 - a. God tells humans what faith is
 - b.
 - c. Three great truths about faith
2. Faith is a Profession
 - a. Faith believes God
 - world framed by God speaking
 - b. Belief in God's Word
 - God declares the beginning in Genesis chap 1-3
 - c. Human believe & trust God
 - God speaks truth
 - e. Belief in God plan of redemption
 - Jesus is the Holy One (1 Cor 15)
 - Jesus is God's Messiah
 - Jesus died on the cross according to prophecies
 - And Jesus came alive 3 days later - Jesus forgives sins
3. Faith is a Conviction
 - a. Faith is the substance (structure)
 - of things hoped for (of unseen future)
 - b. Evidence
 - of things not seen
 - * no one can see God
 - * things which are seen made by someone invisible
 - c. Elders obtained a good testimony by faith
4. Faith is an Action
 - a. Many Bible heroes listed in Hebrews chap 11
 - Abel (Gen 4: 2-10)
 - b. Many others: Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Rahab, & others
 - c. Action of trust (vs. 6)
 - believe God exists & God rewards

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4c. Obedience is natural result
of faith

- all these people obeyed God's instructions

d. Actions of heroes of faith

- Abel offered more excellent sacrifice
- Enoch did not experience death
- Noah prepared an ark of things not yet seen (flooding rain)
- Abraham went to land not knowing where he was going
- Sarah received strength to bear a child in her old age
- Joseph gave children of Israel to take his bones to the Promised Land
- Moses parents not afraid of Pharaoh's command & hid Moses
- Rahab received spies in peace & survived destruction of Jericho