

## FOREVER YOUNG SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR MARCH 22

### FAITH

#### Hebrews 11

So many of our everyday activities depend on faith. Daily things we do And don't analyze pros and cons before acting, we just DO it.

Switch on the lights, without fear that they won't work, or set the house on fire.

Drive the car, without fear that the brakes will fail.

Infants and toddlers readily go to mom or dad, without fear that They will be dropped or rejected.

We offer cash or a plastic card at the grocery store without fear That we won't be able to buy items. (most of the time!) BUT--it's a sad fact that sometimes we as believers want to see all the "facts and figures" before launching out in a ministry that God has called us To do.

Today we will be looking at verses in the "faith" chapter--Hebrews 11.

Faith is.....

Example--Abel

Example--Enoch and others.

Faith is..... Hebrews 11: 1-3

vs. 1. The KJV rendered this verse as the "substance of things hoped for, The evidence of things not seen." Faith is "knowing that it is so, before it Is so, that it will be so". Through faith we can put flesh and bones on an idea, in our minds' eye, look back on something that's in the future, and view like it has already happened!!

vs. 2. Think about the list of "our ancestors", and how they manifested faith.

Noah- he built a large boat in the middle of the desert because God Told him to do so.

Abraham- he left his home town and followed God, not knowing where he was going.

Moses--although he was reluctant at the beginning, he walked by faith from that time--on. See Hebrews 11: 24-29.

David--as a shepherd, armed only with a sling, he took on the enemy Champion, Goliath??

Yes, we applaud their ACTIONS, but their FAITH in God came first.  
vs. 3. OK, give me tangible proof of Genesis 1. Although, the arguments FOR Creation Science are reasonable, without believing by faith, we have trouble standing on science (or lack, thereof) alone. EDITORIAL COMMENT: Those who discount Genesis and believe strictly on everything happening by chance and evolving, they also rely on their FAITH in their religion of humanism!!

Example--Abel Hebrews 11: 4

vs. 4. Recall Genesis 4: 3-5

Did you ever wonder just why Abel's offering was preferred over Cain's? Was it WHAT they offered? (Animal vs. vegetable). But wait!! In the Book

Of Leviticus, many different types of offerings are prescribed.

How about their attitude? You certainly get the idea that Cain merely took some of his crops at random, vs. Abel brought an offering that represented his BEST. And part of that act of worship included FAITH in God, that He Would meet our needs if we honor Him with our offerings. Recall Malachi 3: 10-12.

Example--Enoch and others. Hebrews 11: 5-6

vs. 5. Who was Enoch? See Genesis 5: 21-25. He was the father of Methuselah, who died during the year of the flood. He lived a total of 365 years, and passed directly into the presence of God. He was a just man that lived during a "bad" time. See Genesis 6: 5. But Enoch wasn't just a "good" man; he believed God (FAITH).

vs. 6. Even though Chap 11 goes on from here, giving example after Example of FAITH, this verse is the "bottom line".

\*\* God isn't impressed with our "works", He honors our FAITH.

\*\* God is looking for "seekers". recall John 4: 23-24.

Now, a few observations from Sermons of March 8 and 15.

Exodus 3

Moses was there, tending his flocks, when suddenly he was confronted by God. He had a Divine Appointment, just like we sometimes have!

Someone shows up at our door, a need for help arises, someone needs our Advice, etc. How do we respond?

Exodus 3: 10-11. God said "GO", don't think about it, pray about it.

Recall Eccles. 3: 1. There is a time to "JUST DO IT", just like "go" in the Great Commission.

vs. 18. God was already preparing the attitudes of the elders, in captivity. If he goes, they will listen! He wouldn't be alone.

vs. 21, 22. Remember this promise. Normally in a battle, the "victor" Takes the spoils, they plunder the defeated. God has already promised Victory. Also, looking forward, this promise becomes reality: In Chap 12, when they leave Egypt, and then in Chap 25, as Moses receives Instructions on building the tabernacle. God is sovereign, but also has A sense of humor. Two examples:

Pharaoh tries to kill Hebrew boys, and ends up paying Moses' Mother to take care of him.

As the Hebrews leave Egypt, they receive a "love"?? offering Of riches from the Egyptians. (plunder).

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