

#### THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Scripture Reading

# Hebrews 11:1–16

#### THE MAIN POINT OF HEBREWS 11:1–16

God delights in and rewards those who live with persevering faith.

## 1. WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is not "being optimistic."Faith is not "being religious."Faith is not "blind faith."

Faith is personal conviction that God's word is true—a conviction that results in permanent life commitment to God.

Such faith involves knowledge, assent, trust, and perseverance.

## 2. WHAT DOES A LIFE OF FAITH LOOK LIKE?

- Remember creation in Genesis 1-2—a life of faith in God's promises is rooted in the reality of creation (verse 3).
- Remember Abel in Genesis 4—a life of faith in God's promises is worth dying for (verse 4).
- Remember Enoch in Genesis 5—a life of faith in God's promises is focused on the great reward of God himself (verses 5–6).
- Remember Noah in Genesis 6-9—a life of faith in God's promises results in present opposition but ultimate salvation (verse 7).
- Remember Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 12–25—a life of faith in God's promises keeps trusting even when the fulfillments are a long way off (verses 8-16).

### 3. WHY DOES GOD DELIGHT IN OUR FAITH?

Nothing we do in life glorifies God more than trusting him in trials.