

FLABBY FAITH VS ENDURING FAITH

Hebrews 11:4-7

- We fell from relationship with God through our lack of faith. Gen 3:1-6
- Enduring faith is inner trust that gives God our best. 11:4; Gen 4:2-10
- Enduring faith means walking with God, pleasing Him for eternity. 11:5-6; Gen 5:24
- Enduring faith responds to God in a way that condemns this world that is passing away. 11:7; Gen 6

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How would you describe your faith over the past four weeks? Firm, flabby, fluctuating, frail, enduring, or something else? Why?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-6. How were Satan's questions an assault on faith? How does he do this in our lives today?
3. Read Hebrews 11:4-7. Which of the three examples of enduring faith was the most encouraging to you? Why?
4. Read Genesis 4:2-8. How do you understand Cain approaching God wrongly? How did Abel approach God rightly? How does Malachi 1:6-10 help shed light on this?
5. In your life, what is an area that you're challenged to give your best to God on a regular basis? (see Rom 12:1, 2 Sam 2:24).
6. Read Hebrews 11:5-6 and Genesis 5:24. How is Enoch an encouragement to you to have enduring faith? What does it mean to "walk" with God? (see Micah 6:8)
7. Read Hebrews 11:7. What about Noah's example of faith encourages you? How did Noah condemn this world? In our lives, how do we condemn this world? Does this mean we don't care about the people in this world? (see also 2 Cor 4:18, 5:7; 1 John 2:17)
8. How is God growing your faith this week?