

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 11:30-31

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As we continue our series on Hebrews 11, this week invites us even further in to the great drama of the Scriptures. It is evident by now that a good grasp of the Old Testament goes a long way in understanding the author of Hebrews’ goals and purpose in using these illustrations. Our text reminds us that faithful actions in the midst of hardship are rooted in the reality of Christ’s victorious actions.

1. Of the examples of faith given in this week’s text, which one most stood out to you? Why?

2. I quoted Marilynne Robinson in the sermon. She writes, “You can know a thing to death and be for all purposes completely ignorant of it.” I connected this to how many of us can feel that we “know” the Bible or “know” about God without really knowing those things in a way that impacts us. Did this resonate with you in any way? Where might you be tempted to have a surface-level knowledge of something rather than a deep faith?

3. Throughout Hebrews, the author points to the future hope we can have because of the work of Christ. This eternal perspective and forward-facing faith allows us to act faithfully in the present. Take some time to consider ways you might remind yourself and others throughout the week that our hope is secure and our faith is placed in the unshakeable promises of God.

4. In the sermon I said that *past* faith or another person’s faith is not enough. This means that faith and faithful actions are the lifestyle and constant reality for those who follow Christ. Consider James 2:20-26. How does this text inform your understanding of ongoing faithfulness?

5. If you had to compose your own “Hall of Faith” from people you know, who would you include? Why?

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Financial Update as of Jul 6, 2025	
2025 Annual Budget	\$ 14,203,292
Actual Income to Date	6,275,283
Needed to Meet 2025 Budget	7,928,009