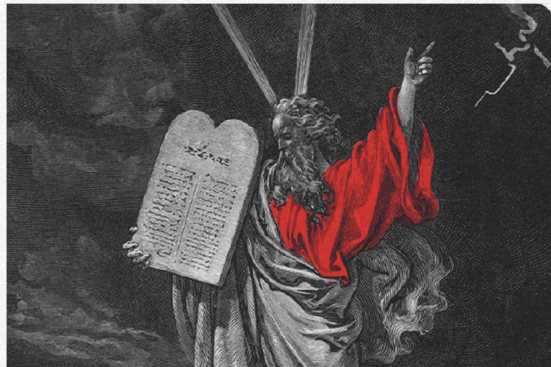




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NORTHSHORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT

Hope changes everything.

ICE BREAKER

What is something you have trusted someone to do even though you couldn't see how they were going to accomplish it? What made you trust them?

BACKGROUND

Hebrews 11:1-6 introduces us to one of the most important themes in the Christian life: faith. The writer encouraged believers experiencing pressure and difficulty to remain faithful to Jesus. They needed to be reminded that following God does not mean we will always understand what He is doing or see the outcome of His promises. Faith means trusting God because of who He is and what He has promised, even when we cannot see what lies ahead.

These chapters describe faith as confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. The writer then points to people who lived by faith: Abel trusted God through his offering; Enoch demonstrated faith by walking with God; and Noah trusted God's warning about something he had never seen and responded by obeying God and built the ark. Their faith was not merely something they talked about—it affected how they lived.

These examples remind us that faith always leads somewhere. When we truly trust God, our faith begins to shape our decisions, priorities, relationships, and actions. Noah could have believed God's warning without acting on it, but his faith moved him to obedience. Enoch's faith was demonstrated through his daily walk with God. Their lives show us that faith is not simply knowing what God says; it is trusting Him enough to respond.

Hebrews 11:6 brings the passage to its conclusion: without faith, it is impossible to please God. We must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him. Faith, then, is the foundation of our relationship with God. We trust His character, believe His promises, seek Him, and respond to Him through obedience.

For us as disciples of Jesus, the question is not simply, "Do I have faith?" but "What is my faith leading me to do?" Faith should move us toward greater trust, obedience, and dependence on God. As we grow in faith, we can help others grow as well. Relational discipleship means walking with people through real-life circumstances, helping one another trust God, take the next step of obedience, and ultimately become disciples who help others follow Jesus.

REVIEW

What was meaningful from the above context or the sermon from last Sunday?



KEY VERSES: Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

READ: Hebrews 11:1-7



HEAD LEVEL: *What does it say? These help us to examine what the Word tells us.*

1. How would you describe faith in your own words after reading Hebrews 11:1-6?
2. What do you think it means to have “assurance about what we do not see”?
3. What do Abel, Enoch, and Noah have in common in the way they demonstrated faith?



Heart Level: *What does it mean? These questions help us shape our beliefs around the objective truth of God's word.*

1. When have you had to trust God without knowing how a situation would turn out? What did that experience teach you about God?
2. What is something you may be seeing with your physical eyes that is making it difficult to trust what God has promised?
3. Hebrews 11:6 says that God rewards those who earnestly seek Him. What does earnestly seeking God look like in everyday life?



HANDS LEVEL: *What does it mean to me? These questions help us commit to live out the truth in our everyday lives and commit to potential next steps.*

1. Who has helped you grow in your faith? What did they do that made a difference in your walk with Jesus?
2. Who is someone in your life that you could intentionally walk alongside and encourage in their faith?
3. What would it look like for our Life Group to help one another trust God and take steps of obedience rather than simply discussing biblical truths?



MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

(Please remember that these requests are confidential and need to stay within the group.)