



Living like it's
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A JOURNEY THROUGH
HEBREWS 11



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WEEK 3 • AUG 30

NORTHSHORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT

Hope changes everything.

ICE BREAKER

Think of someone whose quiet persistence through a hard season left a mark on you. What was it about the way they carried themselves that stuck with you?

BACKGROUND

Hebrews 11 is often called the “Hall of Faith”. It is a long list of men and women from the Old Testament who chose to trust God even when it was costly or confusing. This section picks up with Moses and runs all the way through some of the most painful stories in all of Scripture. Moses walked away from the most powerful empire in the world. Rahab risked her life to shelter strangers. Unnamed men and women were tortured, imprisoned, and killed. Yet, they chose not to deny Christ.

What makes this passage striking is the sharp turn it takes at verse 35. The first half of the passage reads almost like a highlight reel talking about kingdoms conquered, lions silenced, and quenching fires. Hebrews 11:32-35a presents blessings beyond description, while 11:35b-38 describes enduring persecution and torture. The author is saying: faith shows up equally on both sides of that coin.

REVIEW

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



KEY VERSES: Hebrews 11:32-33

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

READ: Hebrews 11:23-38



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

1. The passage opens with the faith of Moses' parents, not Moses himself. What does the author tell us about them without explaining their stories?
2. Read verse 27. What is the author saying about the connection between what Moses could not see with his eyes and how that impacted his actions?
3. Look at the list of names in verse 32. Many of their stories are complicated. Several of them made big mistakes. What does it tell us that the author includes them here without explanation?



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

1. In regard to Verse 26 - how does this passage teach us about the relationship between what we believe about eternity and the choices we make right now?
2. The author highlights that both those who were miraculously delivered and those who suffered terribly gained approval through their faith. What does that tell us about how God measures faithfulness? How is that different from how we usually measure it?
3. Verses 36-37 describe the people as destitute, wandering in deserts, living in caves. Yet verse 38 says *the world was not worthy*. How does the author's description reframe the picture of what success and failure actually look like?



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. Moses chose to walk away from status and security because he believed something better was coming. Is there anything in your life right now (a comfort, a reputation, a relationship) that God might be inviting you to loosen your grip on?
2. The author describes people who were destitute, wandering in caves, and calls them people the world wasn't worthy of. How do you change your life to have the faith of these people?



MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 11:33

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

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