

welcome

At Gateway it is our mission to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our doctrine is simple; we just want to follow Jesus like Christians did in the New Testament. We have a variety of spiritual, relational, and inspirational activities throughout the St. Louis metro area. For more information visit us at gatewaycitychurch.com or scan the QR code for our church app.

upcoming events

- **Men's Midweek (Wednesday March 13th, 7pm)**
- **Men's Breakfast (Saturday March 16th, 9am)** At the Denny's near Dorsett & 270. All men and their sons are welcome.
- **Gateway Gaming Ministry (Saturday March 16th, 6-9:30pm)** Open to all, ages 6+. Please bring a board game or two and a snack or beverage to share.
- **Women's Midweek (Wednesday March 27th, 7pm)**

For more info:

calendar.gatewaycitychurch.info

I'm new: what to expect

We're glad you're here! Worship begins at 10am. If the sanctuary is full, additional seating with live video streaming has been set up in our Fellowship Hall.

Church service typically lasts 75-90 minutes. At Gateway we take communion every Sunday; you are also welcome to take communion if you'd like to do so. Like other churches we also take up a weekly offering, however most of our members prefer to give their contribution online through our app, or via "Text 2 Give".

Gateway Kids offers free childcare upstairs each Sunday during the church service. We feature age-appropriate, action-based Bible lessons for children ages 3 months through 5th grade.

If you enjoy the service and would like to go deeper, we would love for you to join one of our weekly small group Bible studies. Talk to one of our ushers or staff members after service for more information.

resources

All phone numbers also accept text messages.
9300 Stansberry Avenue (63134)
314.653.1615

Vince Hawkins - Evangelist 573.489.6573
Robin Hawkins - Women's Ministry Leader
573.489.6719

Elders:
Lu Garcia: 314.952.7308
Tink Sullivan: 573.528.7568

Text 2 Give
Text "Give \$1" to 314.384.9099

Marrieds
Jeff & Julie Hovey 314.698.3036
Steve & Stacy Blassingame 314.489.2512

College

Jeff Hughes: 314.660.5418
Rani Singh: 608.445.7778

Singles

Alex Hanna: 314.302.5065
Rebecca Schneider: 314-691-4037

Youth & Family/High School Ministry

Jeff & Shelly Ryan 469.417.9054

Middle School

Karanja & Denise Kiburi 314.249.6682

Gateway Kids

John Rosario 314.732.8687

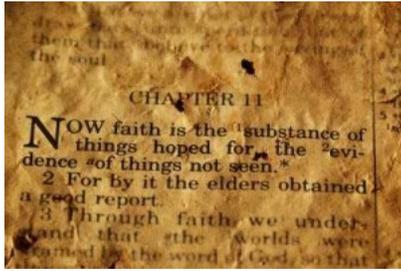


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The 11th chapter of Hebrews is known as the *Hall of Faith* in the Bible. It lists many men and women who showed faith in God and His promise. This wonderful chapter is an example to us on how we can, and should, have faith in God as well. Beyond reading the accounts of the people mentioned in Hebrews 11, we should look into the Old Testament stories which are referenced in this great chapter.

Definition of Faith

A simple definition of faith is given in verse 1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” While faith is putting our trust in something we cannot see, it does not mean that there is no evidence for that faith. We believe there is a God, not because we can see Him, but because we have plenty of evidence that He exists. We have nature which tells us there is a Creator (Romans 1:19-23; Hebrews 11:2). We have God’s Word, the Bible, which proclaims that God exists. There are plenty of evidences through history and science which proclaim the accuracy of [the Bible](#). While we cannot see God, we can have faith in Him because of the proof that He has given to us through history, science, nature and His Word.

Beyond the simple definition of faith in verse 1 there is a practical application of faith in verse 6. It says, “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” We must have faith to please God. When we try to work out our salvation or our daily Christian walk in our flesh, that is not pleasing to God. Everything we do should be done in faith.

Hall of Faith

In this chapter there are various names of men and [women](#) of faith and snippets of their stories. To understand each of these it is necessary to read

the account in the Old Testament where these stories originate.

While many of the stories point to specific actions that were done, it is important to see that their faith produced the action and not the other way around. We don’t earn our faith because of good actions; right actions are a result of proper faith. Romans 4 tells us that Abraham was not saved because he obeyed God; rather, his obedience to God was a result of his faith. James 2 teaches that a man (or woman) who has faith in the promises of God will show their faith through their actions.

The Promise: A Redeemer

In Hebrews 11 there is a constant reference to the promise that God had given to various people. The initial promise was given in Genesis 3:15. God promised that there would be a Redeemer who would come and save humanity from the punishment of their sin. This promise was originally given to Eve when God said that from her seed the Redeemer, a Savior, would come. Throughout the Bible God gave more and more specifics for who the Redeemer would be and where He would come from.

The promised Redeemer was later defined as coming from the family of Abraham; specifically through the line of Isaac. Later God narrowed the promise through Isaac’s son Jacob and then through the house of David. Through Hebrews 11 we can see that God takes a general promise and throughout history narrows down the promise to exactly where the Redeemer would come from.

Specific Examples of Faith

There are many stories mentioned or alluded to in these verses. Let’s look at a few and see how their faith was manifested.

Abel: The first two children of Adam and Eve were Cain and Abel. They knew that God had promised a Redeemer and that the acceptance of the promised Savior was not through their works, but through faith. Cain brought a sacrifice to God which was based on his own labor: not based on faith. Though God had given a specific example—the slaughtering of a lamb to cover Adam and Eve’s sin—Cain came to God with his own work. However, Abel sacrificed to God in faith

trusting the promised Messiah.

Abraham: Most of the evidences of Abraham’s faith that are mentioned in Hebrews 11 show that Abraham was trusting God for a promised inheritance. Abraham left his home to obtain land. He believed God when He said that Abraham’s family would be multiplied like the stars of the sky or the sands of the sea. Abraham’s faith in the physical promises from God were proof that he trusted in the potential promised Redeemer who would come long after Abraham’s own death.

Moses: Though raised in the house of the Pharaoh of Egypt, Moses knew that his birth family was the people of God. You can read the Old Testament account of the life of Moses (Exodus-Deuteronomy) and see that Moses was not a perfect man; yet what drove Moses to obey and trust God was that he had [faith](#) in the promise of a coming Savior.

The Prophets: Though not mentioned individually by name, the prophets were each called to a task which was difficult and against the status quo. They proclaimed God’s promises and His righteousness to a nation which wandered away from their God. Many of the prophets were ridiculed, beaten and killed for their faith in the promises of God.

The Results of Their Faith

After all these great stories of faith verse 39 tells us that these individuals never received the promise in a physical way. That promise was the future birth of the Redeemer Savior and Messiah Jesus Christ. They did not see the day of His coming. However, their faith in that promised Redeemer was counted for their salvation. Their faith was in something they never saw, but that does not mean that their faith was in vain. They believed God for something He promised.

Though we don’t see Jesus Christ walking among us today, we can receive the promise in the same way these Old Testament believers did: through faith. We don’t look forward to the future promise of a Redeemer, we look backwards through the written Word of God to see what God has given.