

Jesus is Better

BETTER LIFE: FAITH • HEBREWS 11:1 - 12:2 • 11/22/2020

MAIN POINT

We are called to live by faith, a bold confidence and absolute trust in God and His greater realities.

INTRODUCTION

In your own words, what is faith? What role does faith play in our lives? What are some things about the world that we believe by faith? (As you think about this, there are probably more than you might have realized.)

REVIEW

READ HEBREWS 11:1-6

This chapter is about how the lives of people of faith speak far beyond their earthly lives.

How does the definition given in verse 1 help you understand faith?

Who is a person of faith that has made a tremendous impact on your life, even though they may no longer be living (v. 4)? What about their life is worth imitating?

If God rewards those who seek Him (v. 6), what is the reward for seeking Him? How have you experienced these rewards?

Among the "heroes of faith" we read about in chapter 11, are there one or two whose stories resonate with you most? Explain.

What did their faith in Jesus call on these men and women to do? What has your faith in Jesus called on you to do?

If you could write a few of your own "by faith" statements, what might they be? What are some things that you have done (or are doing) "by faith"? "By faith, [your name]..."

Chapter 12 begins with the word "therefore", which means that the author is building upon what he just wrote in chapter 11 to encourage and challenge his readers to live lives of faith.

What are weights that you may need to lay aside in order to run your race of faith? How are you in need of endurance right now? How might you look to Jesus this week for the strength you need to continue?

PRAYER

Thank God for the faithful witnesses who have gone before you and point you to trust Him more deeply and completely. Ask that as your faith grows, He would help you to set aside sin and any other weights so that you can run boldly after Him.