

Daily Devotions (May 3-8 2021)

Hebrews 11:1-16

11 Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. 2 Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. 3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. 4 It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. 5 It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—"he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. 6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. 7 It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. 8 It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. 9 And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there

by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. 10 Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. 11 It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. 12 And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them. 13 All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. 14 Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. 15 If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. 16 But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Monday, May 3rd - Read Hebrews 11:1-4

Hebrews 11:1 gives a Biblical definition of faith. What would you say to someone who asked for *your* definition of faith?

How does the statement, "what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen," explain true faith?

Tuesday, May 4th - Read Hebrews 11:5-6

Why is faith essential to pleasing God?

What does it mean that "God rewards those that earnestly seek Him."? Why must faith involve more than just "believing in God." (Consider James 2:19 as well)

Wednesday, May 5th - Read Hebrews 11:7

God warned Noah about “things that had never happened before.” How can you apply this to your life?

God doesn't change, do you trust God enough to do things in your life “that have never happened before?” *Use this truth to press deeper into God's plan for your life.*

Thursday, May 6th - Read Hebrews 11:8-10

Abraham went “without knowing where he was going.” Who did know?

How does this speak to Abraham's faith?

Who knows where you're going?

Who is involved with your leading and guiding?

What does this mean for your faith?

Friday, May 7th - Read Hebrews 11:11-16

What physical evidence did Sarah have regarding her “limitations” to have a child?

What spiritual evidence did she believe in spite of those “limitations”?

What did God do in spite of Sarah's physical limitations? What does this mean for you?

Saturday, May 8th - Read Hebrews 11:13-16

How trust and faith in God show our love for Him?

Do you trust God to keep His promises? What does this say about your love for Him and His love for you?