



**“Faith That Sustains –
How They Did It!”**

Hebrews 11:8-16

Sporting Halls of Fame: Skills “To The Max” Over a Career!

Baseball

Hitting

Catching

Throwing

Pitching

Base-running



Football =

Running

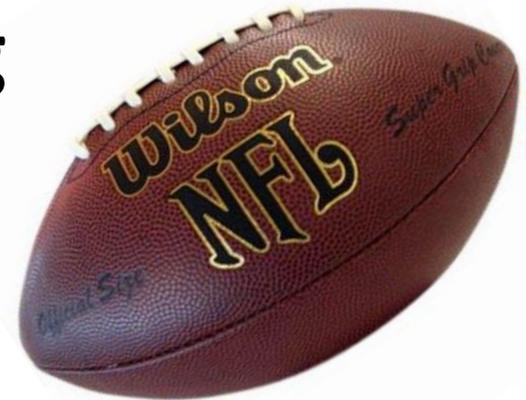
Throwing

Catching

Kicking

Blocking

Tackling



Bible Hall of Fame = Hebrews 11

Exemplify how to maintain the faith
in remarkable **settings** and **trials**

Abraham Sarah Abel Moses Enoch
Gideon Barak Samson Jephthah David
Samuel the prophets

Often: a career of prep for “such a time as
this!”

Vs. 8 – Abe Stepped Out In Obedience

Not Knowing

I will obey before I understand

American mind = pragmatic: show me first!

BUT: “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Christians answer tragedy = Romans 8:28

Vs. 13 – They Were People With a View Beyond Today

“We don’t belong here”

“you got that right!”

Butch Miller (snap!)



**We’re not there yet – seen, welcomed
them from a distance – John 14:2-3**

Isaiah 11 – lion down with a lamb

“Though Their Hearts Belonged Elsewhere...” (vs. 16)

Their Obedience Was “Here and Now”

Abraham and Sarah:

- * packed up and moved
- * conceived a child vss. 11-12

Noah:

- * built the ark, was ridiculed

Abel:

- * offered a better sacrifice; was killed!

All of Which Is To Say...

“Bad things happen to Godly people (too!)” Even Jesus! (His crucifixion)

“In the world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

The Key Here is Faith

Faith never meant that life was easy –

Some “died in faith” vs. 13 –

“without receiving the promises!”

Hebrews 11:33 ff

Faith does result in God’s blessings
seen from eternal yard line!

Key Foundations to the Faith That Remains!

God's on the throne! (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

“Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines...and there be no cattle in the stalls, Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.”

Evil is REAL; But God is Sovereign

**“ ... (people walk) according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience”
(Ephesians 2:2).**

**“... greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world”
(1 John 4:4b).**

**“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet”
(Romans 16:20).**