

## The What and Why of Faith > Hebrews 11:1-16

**11:1-2** *What faith is.* Faith is the assurance of hope and the conviction of the unseen. Ultimately, we see that this assurance and hope shall be rewarded in all who trust the Lord, which are the examples given next...

**11:3-12** *The examples of those who hoped before us.* In a series of five illustrations, the author of Hebrews shows us different aspects of what it means to have faith and to live in a faith-filled manner. Taken together, we find that faith repeatedly rests upon a hope beyond present circumstances and a belief in what God has promised rather than in just what is seen.

**11:13-16** *The reward of faith.* Ultimately, every person we read of here died without receiving the promise of their faith during their lifetime. Yet, this is not a problem, because the promise is not for this life, but for eternal life. In this, those who have gone before show us how to trust the Lord.

**Context:** The previous chapter gave a call to draw near by faith (10:22) and to be willing to endure because of what God has promised. In this chapter, we see what that practically looks like.

**Argument:** If faith is how we respond to Jesus, then living this way pleases the Lord and waits on Him to fulfill His promises.

**Gospel:** Jesus is the object of our faith. We don't have faith in "faith," no: we have faith in Christ! His arrival at that first advent gives us hope for His return at the second advent.

**Applications:** Faith is worth it because faith will be rewarded.

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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