

Faith for the Long-haul > Hebrews 11:17-40

11:17-28 *Faith across time.* From the examples we read here, we should come away with a realization: true faith endures across time, rather than being a “feeling” or “experience” that only lasts for a moment or while life is going well.

11:29-38 *Faith under trial.* Similarly, true faith endures under trial. This isn’t due to any strength in ourselves, but instead is due to the object of our faith: we trust Jesus. His kingdom is worth any price because the joy we will have with Him is greater than anything this world has to offer.

11:39-40 *Faith looks to the future.* Finally, genuine faith looks to a time when it will be fulfilled – a time when Christ will come, a time that will be just as real and amazing as His first advent. We await that day with trust and hope.

Context: The first half of chapter 11 taught us what faith looks like through the example of faithful ones who have gone before us.

Argument: A faith that treasures Christ results in a life of devotion and worldly denial because we prize eternity with our Lord more than anything else.

Gospel: Christ’s own faithfulness brought the reproach of many during His life – and He calls us to join Him in it! Yet, this momentary hardship will be worth it when we are with Him and enjoying His kingdom forever.

Applications: How is it costing you to be a follower of Jesus? What does your answer reveal about your faith?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
