

EXAMPLES OF LIVING BY FAITH

Key scripture: Hebrew 11:4-7

This important chapter begins by telling us what faith is and what it does. In the first three verses, we see the definition, description and declaration of faith. Now we want to learn its demonstration. Faith, that is, true faith never remains sterile or unproductive. Wherever there is true faith in God through Jesus Christ, it acts and works - it is known by what it does or produces.

Hebrews 11:1-3 teaches us that faith is a firm persuasion of the things we hope for - it is having a firm confidence in God that He will do as He has said (Isaiah 55:10,11; Acts 27:25). Faith permits its possessor to rejoice in firm assurance while waiting for the accomplishment of the promise given by God. He knows that God cannot lie. Faith grants us spiritual perception - allows us to have **“the substance of things hoped for”**; to hold **“the evidence (the receipt) of things not seen”**; to **“call those things which be not as though they were”**; to be **“fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He is able also to perform”**; to maintain in the face of all contradictory events that He will **“do as He has said”**

This kind of faith pleases God, for **“without faith it is impossible to please Him”**. Faith pleases God so much that He approves and blesses those who put their faith and trust in Him. Today, we shall see some examples of those who pleased God by their faith. Abel, Enoch, Noah furnish us these pleasing examples of faith.

Discussion Points

(1) **Why was Abel considered a faith hero?** *Genesis 4:1-8; Gen 3:21, Hebrews 11:4, 12:24; Matthew 23:35; Luke 11:51.*

(2) **Why was Enoch considered a faith hero?** *Hebrews 11:5-6, Genesis 5:22-24, Jude 1:14-15, 1 Kings 17:22-24; Hebrews 11:39a, 1 John 5:4*

(3) **Why was Noah considered a faith hero?** *Hebrews 11:7, Gen 6:8-9, 13-15, 22.*

(4) **How can you display your faith in worship, walk & works?**