

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

By Faith Hebrews 11:1–16

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2,3

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Day One: Read Hebrews 11:1–16.

1. Read the section and note how many times the phrase “by faith” appears.

2. Name the people who are highlighted in this section.

3. What do they all have in common? (vs. 13)

Day Two: Read Hebrews 11:1–3, 6.

4. List the key elements of faith given in these verses. How is faith nurtured? (Romans 10:17)

5. Choose several of the following verses and explain how they relate to the elements of faith.
 - A. Titus 2:13

 - B. 1 Peter 1:3–5

 - C. 1 John 3: 2,3

D. Romans 8:23–25

6. How can you please God? (vs. 6, John 6:29) Where does faith come from? (Ephesians 2:8,9)
7. Review what you have learned about faith. How would you describe your faith to another person?

Day Three: Read Hebrews 11:4–7.

8. Genesis 4:1–16 tells the story of Cain and Abel. After reading the story, what light does Hebrews 11:4 shed on the difference between their two sacrifices?
9. How is it that Abel still speaks today?
10. Why was Enoch commended?
11. Genesis 5:21–24 and Jude 14,15 describe Enoch.
 - A. What does it take to “walk” with someone?
 - B. What did it mean for Enoch to walk with God? (Reference: Malachi 2:6b, Galatians 5:25, Colossians 3:1,2)
12. Genesis 6 tells the story of Noah building the ark.
 - A. How does Genesis 6:5, 11,12 describe the earth and men?
 - B. How does Genesis 6:9 describe Noah?

13. What two things motivated Noah to build the ark? (vs. 7)
A. Describe what it means to have “holy fear.” (see also Nehemiah 5:15,16; Acts 10:2)

B. How are faith and holy fear related?

Day Four: Read Hebrews 11:8–12.

14. A small vignette of Abraham’s life is given in vss. 8–12. List the areas of faith which were demonstrated in his life.

15. Why was Abraham able to have such faith? What did God call Abraham? (James 2:23)

16. First Abraham believed and then he _____ (vs. 8). What does this explain about faith?

Day Five: Read Hebrews 11:13–16.

17. What does it mean to long for a better country—a heavenly one? (Optional references: Philippians 3:20, Ephesians 2:19, Revelation 21—22:6)

18. Think of each person you have just studied. How are you like these people? (Try to be specific.) Has your faith deepened as you realize your similarities? Why or why not?