

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 2, 2017

Old Testament Examples of Saving Faith
Hebrews 11:23-31

The author, after confidently stating that he believed that both he and his readers possessed faith then challenged his readers to walk by faith using Old Testament examples (Hebrews 11:1-40).

The author began by highlighting examples of faith from the time period that preceded the flood (Hebrews 11:4-7).

The author then highlighted examples of faith from the time period of the patriarchs (Hebrews 11:8-22).

The author after highlighting examples of faith from the time period of the patriarchs then chose to highlight examples of faith from the time period of Exodus (Hebrews 11:23-31).

“By faith,” Moses parents chose to hide him for three months after his birth (Hebrews 11:23).

Moses’ parents chose to hide their son and not honor Pharaoh’s edict because they, after seeing how beautiful he was, became convinced that God had not only favored their son but God also wanted them to protect their son (Hebrews 11:23; cf. Acts 7:20).

“By faith,” Moses chose to identify himself with God’s people and with their sufferings rather than with the pleasures of sin and the treasures of Egypt (Hebrews 11:24-26; cf. Exodus 2:11-14; Acts 7:22-29).

The reward is the eternal reward that is awaiting all those who in their trusting of God are willing to obey God in spite of whatever difficulties they may have to suffer (Hebrews 11:26; cf. 11:10-16).

“By faith,” Moses left Egypt without any fear of Pharaoh (Hebrews 11:27).

“By faith,” Moses “kept” the Passover (Hebrews 11:28; cf. Exodus 12).

“By faith,” the Jewish people passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land, unlike the Egyptians who were later drowned (Hebrews 11:29; cf. Exodus 13:17-14: 31).

“By faith,” the walls of Jericho fell down after the children of God circled the walls for seven days (Hebrews 11:30; cf. Joshua 6:1-21).

“By faith,” Rahab the harlot, having welcomed the spies, did not perish with the other inhabitants of Jericho (Hebrews 11:31; cf. Joshua 2:1-15; 6:25).

May each of us by God’s grace continue to fight the good fight of faith until that day that day when we enter into the reward that has been promised to all those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation.