

# The Hall of Faith

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## **Text:**

Hebrews 11

## **Thesis:**

Faith is something that lives and is active or is inactive and dies.

## **Discussion:**

### **I) Abel**

- a) Hebrews 11:4
- b) Genesis 4:1-5
- c) What made Abel's Sacrifice Pleasing?
  - 1) Genesis 4:6-7
  - 2) Abel Obviously Obeyed God.
  - 3) Abel did not make excuse.

### **II) Enoch**

- a) Hebrews 11:5-6
- b) Genesis 5:21-24
- c) Enoch simply walked with God.
  - 1) Walking with God means considering God every day.
  - 2) Walking with God means desiring God as He desires us.

3) Walking with God means that we realize He does know our hearts and actions.

d) Unwillingness to walk with God is an absence of faith.

1) Believing that He is means that I believe in His power.

(i) I will follow Him.

(ii) I will not struggle with God.

2) Walking with God means that I will diligently seek Him.

(i) Realizing that I cannot hide from God.

(ii) Adam and Eve tried hiding from God and this tactic has never worked.

3) A faith that is hiding from God is dead.

(i) Excuses

(ii) Legalism

(iii) Judgment

e) Willingness to walk with God is:

1) Living

2) Growing

3) Active

### **III) Noah**

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- a) Hebrews 11:7
- b) Genesis 6
  - 1) Genesis 6:22
  - 2) Noah boldly obeyed God.
- c) Noah was commanded by God to do things socially unacceptable.
  - 1) Ridicule
  - 2) Perhaps questioned by those close to him.
  - 3) Those who were good friends would not listen.
  - 4) Would Noah have felt better dying like those around him?
- d) Noah's reward for walking on God's side was salvation and our existence.

### IV) Abraham

- a) Hebrews 11:8-10
- b) Genesis 12:1-3
  - 1) Genesis 12:4
  - 2) Abram boldly obeyed God.
- c) Abram left behind everything to diligently seek the path of God.
  - 1) Would the family have been upset?

- 2) Would this have been inconvenient?
- 3) Would this have been a lot of work?

### V) Moses

- a) Hebrews 11:24-29
- b) Exodus
- c) God went to Moses:
  - 1) Moses had been a herdsman for 40 years.
  - 2) Moses must have thought that God did not want him anymore.
  - 3) Moses had many excuses and yet God would fill every void.

### VI) Me

- a) Am I willing to listen to God Like Abel.
- b) Am I willing to walk with God like Enoch.
- c) Am I willing to boldly obey God like Noah.
- d) Am I willing to leave my securities like Abram.
- e) Am I willing to ignore excuses and follow God's lead like Moses?

### Conclusion

- 1) God has called you and me this day to follow in the footsteps of these.

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- 2) John 3:16
- 3) Luke 9:23
- 4) Luke 13:3
- 5) Matthew 10:32
- 6) Mark 16:16