



HEBREWS REVISITED

FAITH DEFINED



3 Surprises in Heaven

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Wait a minute... *they are not here?*

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Wait a minute... *they are here?*

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Wait a minute... *I'm here?*

What is *faith*?

April – June 2024

1. Hebrew 11-13

2. All about Faith

3. A model for you to read your Bible

What is faith?

THE LETTER TO THE
HEBREWS

GOD'S FINAL WORD IN HIS SON
1 God, after He^a spoke long ago to
the fathers in^b the prophets in
visions and^c in many ways,
days^d He appointed
whom
He

11^a John 9:29;
16:13; Heb 2:2f,
3:5; 4:8; 5:5; 11:18;
12:25. ^b Acts 2:30;
3:21. ^c Num 12:6;
8; Joel 2:28;
1:2. ^d Matt 13:39;
1 Pet 1:20;
^e John 9:29;
^f John 5:26; 27;
Heb 3:6; 5:8; 7:28;
^g Ps 2:8; Mark 12:7;
28:18; Heb 2:8;
8:17; Heb 2:8;
1 Cor 1:17.

10 And,
^a YOU, LORD, IN THE P
THE FOUNDATION
AND THE HEAVENS
WORKS OF YOU
11 ^a THEY WILL PER
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OUT LIKE A
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Hebrews 11:1-3 – Definition of faith

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*Faith is not simply believing in the impossible;
faith is believing in the impossible that God has promised.*

3 Applications of faith

1. Abel, Enoch, Noah (v4-7)

2. Abrahamic Family (v8-22)

3. Moses (v23-29)

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1. **Abel, Enoch & Noah**

2. Abrahamic Family

3. Moses

Abel showed us **how you give** matters

Enoch showed us **how you walk** matters

Noah showed us **how you work** matters

3 Applications of faith

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Walk as He directs — *don't hesitate.*

Wait as He desires — *don't be impatient.*

Worship as He determines — *don't be religious.*

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Testimony or Title

Wilderness or Wonderland

Hebrews 11:30-40

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Hebrews 11:30-40

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Living by faith is **essential** for the Christian faith.

Faith is the **currency** of the Kingdom.

●
Faithless

Afraid to live by faith

●
Presumptuous Faith

Favourable circumstances will
always come

The Paradox of Faith

1. Unexpected People
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King David



Samuel



The Prophets

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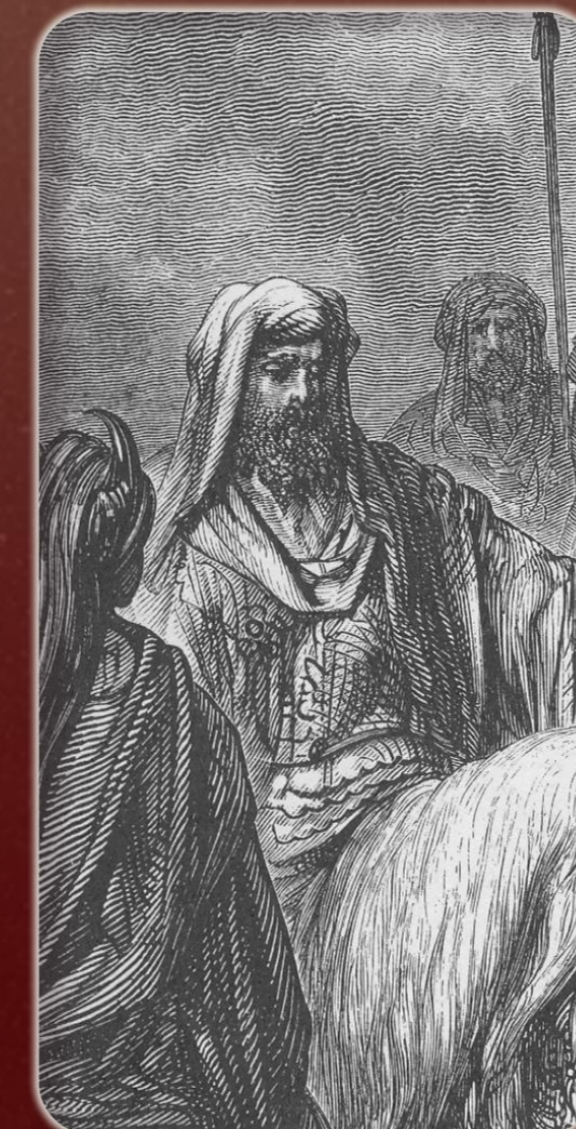
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Rahab

- Woman
- Prostitute
- Liar



Gideon

- Cynic
- Doubter of God

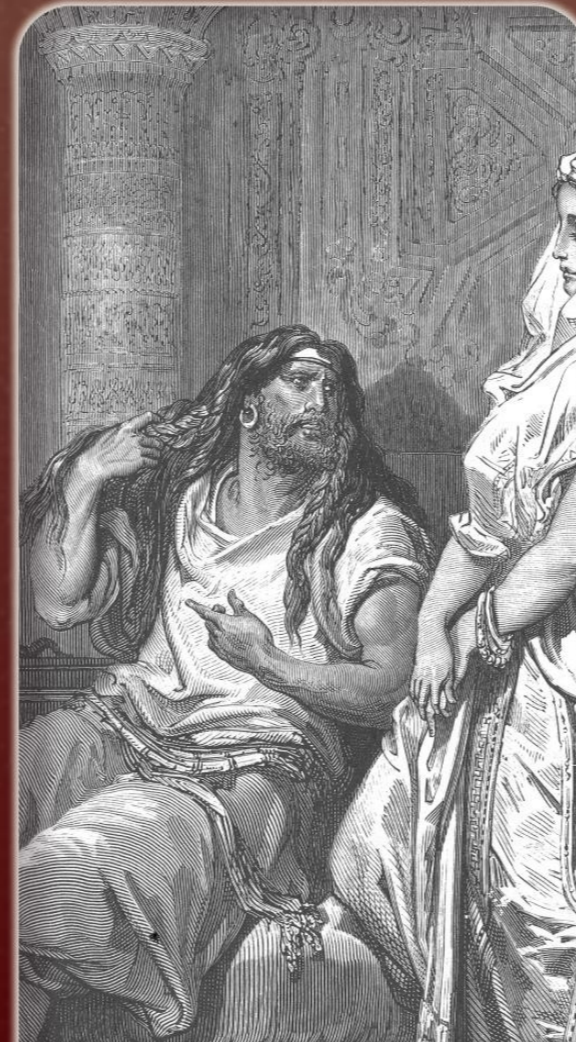
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Barak

Judges 4:4-9



Samson

Judges 14:1-3, 16:30



Jephthah

Judges 11:30-31

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God uses unexpected, common folks,
to show that **faith is for everyone.**

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It is never the *greatness of our faith*, but the *greatness of our God* that truly matters.

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Hebrews 11:33-35 — Unexpected Situations

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1. Conquered kingdom

2. Performed acts of
righteousness

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4. Shut the mouths of lions

5. Quenched the power of fire

6. Escaped the edge of the sword

7. Weakness were made strong

8. Became mighty in war

9. Put foreign armies to flight

10. Received their dead by
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God is able to turn unexpected situations
for good.

We need to trust *Him*.

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Pastor Felicia & family

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Hebrews 11:36-38 – Unexpected Outcomes

³⁵...and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

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1. Tortured
2. Not accepting their release
3. Mocked and scourged
4. Chained and imprisoned
5. Stoned to death

6. Sawn in two
7. Tempted
8. Put to death with the sword
9. Destitute, afflicted & ill-treated
10. Did not receive what was promised

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What if God tells us to **wait**?

What if God tells us **no**?

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It is presumptuous to think that
good things are bound to happen with *'faith'*.

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It is **God alone** who makes things happen
... not our faith.

How should we respond to
unanswered prayer?

How should we respond?

1. Trust in God's time & season

2. Trust that God gives the best

3. Trust that God guarantees the ultimate victory

Trust in God's time & season

⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

God has provided something better in His time (Ecc 3:11).

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“My soul was shattered”: A widower’s journey of grief, strength and hope

Gemma Koh // November 28, 2023, 5:03 pm



Teo Tee Loon, with his beloved wife Serene Lowe in 2021, the year she was diagnosed with late stage cancer. She passed away in June 2022. Photos courtesy of the Teo family and Lakeside Family Services.

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“The backslider in heart will always judge God by what He didn't do, but those who run with tenderness for who He is will always define Him by what He's said, by what He's promised and by what He's done.”

– Bill Johnson



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“I have determined that I will be as one who runs with tenderness towards God.”

“I will not be someone who only trusts in God when times are good and everything is going my way. But especially through times of darkness, when we are going through the valley of the shadow of death, we need even more to turn to God.” – **Tee Loon**



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