

Hebrews 11 #7 “Living Transcendently”

Outline of the Faith Chapter:

- Hebrews 11:1,6 Description of the life of Faith
- Hebrews 11:2-38 Illustrations of the life of Faith
- Hebrews 11:39-12:1 Exhortation of the life of Faith
- Hebrews 12:2-4 Our Supreme Example of the life of Faith

What does a life of faith look like?

- Growing by revelation in the knowledge of the Eternal One and grasping the reality of His coming kingdom!
- Looking for an invasion of the eternal/supernatural into the realm of the natural both immediately and ultimately!
- Longing eternal to the point that you live out your life on this earth as a citizen of the coming kingdom of God!
- Living for the eternal rewards and promises and the ultimate “well done” of our King!
- Dying with the dignity of obedience and with an assurance of completing our testimony to the sovereign plan!

I. We like the Saints of old are to Manifest the Inner life of Faith!

Hebrews 11:13-16 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

1. **Possessors of Spiritual Eyes!** ... having seen them afar off
2. **Assurance of the Promises!** ... were assured of them,
3. **Embracing an Advancing Vision of the Eternal!** ... embraced them
4. **Confessing a New Identity!** ... and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth
5. **Seekers of the Kingdom!** ... declare plainly that they seek a homeland
6. **Desire for the Heaven on Earth Dimension!** But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country.
7. **Attaining Friendship with God!** Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

II. We like the Saints of old Experience the Testing of our Faith!

Hebrews 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

A. The Testing of our Faith within the Circumstances of our Everyday Lives!

1 **Peter 1:3-9** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.

1 **Peter 4:12-19** Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is

glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

1. The Birth of a Faith Vision

2. The Death of a Faith Vision

3. The Resurrection of a Faith Vision

Illustrations: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Jesus

B. The Testimony of our Faith within the Continuum of His Eternal Plan!

Hebrews 11:39-40 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Acts 12:1-3 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Acts 13:36 "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.