

The Superior Example

Hebrews 11:1 – 12:3

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Faith means putting our full confidence in what we hope for, being certain of what we can't see. By this kind of faith we accept that all of time and space was created at God's command.

By faith Abel offered a superior sacrifice to that of his brother Cain.

By faith Enoch pleased God and was taken into eternity without experiencing death.

By faith Noah built the ark.

By faith Abraham set out on a life-long journey.

By faith Sarah bore the son God had promised.

All these people died without receiving God's promises, yet by faith they accepted these promises as true and were convinced of their reality. By faith they knew this world was not their home; they longed for a superior home, a heavenly home, a place prepared for them by God.

By faith Moses led the exodus from Egypt.

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea on dry ground.

By faith Rahab the prostitute welcomed the Israelite spies.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell.

By faith Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephtha, David, Samuel, and the prophets faced many dangers and hardships, ridicule and death.

These are our examples. We should run the race we have to run looking ahead to Jesus, the superior example, who endured the cross for the joy he knew would follow and who now sits at the right hand of the throne of God. With Jesus as our example we will never lose our purpose or our courage.