



Faith Hall of Fame

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TODAY'S READING: Hebrews 11

As most could give example, teenagers are full of energy and seek adventure. As a student pastor, I know teenage guys have a passion and desire for adventure. They want to play sports or watch action movies to let loose some of that energy. They easily get bored when things are slow. I often tell teens that desire for adventure, that energy, that bullet proof arrogance of youth can easily find an outlet and a place within God's plan for their lives. The Bible is not boring. The history of the faith is full of sacrifice and adventure and crazy stories.

In Hebrews 11, we see the stories of God's work in the lives of some of the greatest saints of the faith. We see creation, floods, patriarchs of the faith, women able to give birth at a really old age, warriors for the faith, and death for faith in Christ. It is almost a teaser or trailer of all the Old Testament's greatest hits. Within it, we see that being a part of God's story and being used by God is always for His good plan. That does not necessarily mean it is a good earthly outcome for the believer, but it is a great, perfect outcome for God's redemptive history. In these lines of text, we see adventures that would keep anyone on the edge of their seat to hear more details of these stories.

But what do all of these stories have in common? Faith. Faith is defined in the first verse of Hebrews 11 as, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." It is believing in something I cannot see and something I cannot know for sure. It is letting go of control of my life and entrusting it to God. It is definitely turning from our sins to God and by faith receiving His gift of salvation. But it does not stop there. It is about trusting God today with my life as much as I trust him with my eternity. It is signing a blank check over to God, not knowing where He will send me, what He will ask of me, nor knowing what is next. It is the greatest adventure of life to be used by God.

Why doesn't everyone do this easily -- give over complete control to God? Let's not pretend that it is easy. I want to be in control, I want to know the plan and what is next. I want the roadmap, the GPS, telling me the next turn and the destination. This will be a constant battle in our lives, to continually, day-by-day, live by faith and trust that God can be trusted. Even if I do not know it, His plan is better than mine.

So, is the Christian faith boring? Is it just a list of rules and God is against us, having fun? I know that is the belief of many, but I would say they do not understand. They have not fully read the story. Hebrews 11 gives highlights of God's people on His adventure by faith. It shows us the result of others' faith. It inspires us to live by faith, with a definition of faith and with examples of what faith really looks like.

PRAYER: God, give me faith. Help me trust You. I know You are more than worthy of my trust, but I need Your help to give up my false sense of control.

TOMORROW'S READING: Hebrews 12

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