

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the American flag. The top portion shows a field of stars, with a cluster of bright white stars in the center. Below the stars are horizontal stripes of red and white. The bottom right corner shows a dark, possibly black, fabric or object.

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Faith Practices:
Sure of the Future
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***They Still
Speak***

Hebrews 11:1-12:1

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

I. They Understood The Words of Faith

They understood the Bible definition of faith

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

A. “Substance” = A firm trust

“Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.” - Augustine

B. “Things hoped for” = to wait for salvation with joy and full of confidence

“Faith is voluntary anticipation.” Clement

I. They Understood The Words of Faith

C. “Evidence” = A proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested

D. “things not seen” = that which exist that you do not physically see

1 Corinthians 2:13-14

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

II. They Made A Declaration of Faith

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

- A. A necessity to please God**
- B. An action to approach God**
- C. An acknowledgment from God**

III. They Knew The Destination Of Faith

Hebrews 11:13-16

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

III. They Knew The Destination Of Faith

A. They died in faith

B. They lived their faith

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

III. They Knew The Destination Of Faith

**C. They denied the place that faith took them from
Luke 9:23**

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

**D. They desired something better than this world
Philippians 1:21**

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

IV. They Undertook A Walk of Faith

A. Abraham

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Lesson: When God calls, *Go*

Hebrews 11:17

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Lesson: When tests come, trust

IV. They Undertook A Walk of Faith

B. Moses

Hebrews 11:29

**By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land:
which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.**

Lesson: Against overwhelming odds, move forward

IV. They Undertook A Walk of Faith

C. Joshua

Hebrews 11:30

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

Lesson: When it doesn't make sense, keep going

V. They Accomplished The Works of Faith

A. Noah

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

**Lesson: Though it is hard work and may take a lifetime
keep working**

V. They Accomplished The Works of Faith

B. Rahab

Hebrews 11:31

By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

Lesson: Even though it involves great risk, side with God

V. They Accomplished The Works of Faith

C. Others

Hebrews 11:32-34

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

V. They Accomplished The Works of Faith

C. Others - continued

Lesson: Every victory and every accomplishment in life is given to us by grace through faith

1 John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

VI. They Withstood The Trials of Faith

Hebrew 11:35-38

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

VI. They Withstood The Trials of Faith

Lesson: When life goes bad don't give up. There is a better life coming

A. They did not receive this promise in this world

Hebrews 11:39

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

VI. They Withstood The Trials of Faith

When life goes bad don't give up. There is a better life coming

B. They could see this promise

Acts 7:55-56

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

VII. They Have Become Our Witnesses Of Faith

Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Are We Next To Still Speak In Faith?