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NOTES:

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS:
PERSEVERE, HOLD ON, BELIEVE TILL THE END
PART 11A: FAITH IN ACTION

Great Examples of Faith

[1]Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. [2]Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. [3]By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. [4]It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed His approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. [5]It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to Heaven without dying— "he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. [6]And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek him.

[7]It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, Who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. [8]It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. [9]And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. [10]Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. [11]It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep His promise. [12]And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

[13]All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. [14]Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. [15]If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. [16]But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. [17]It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, [18]even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." [19]Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

Hebrews 11:1-19

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To persevere, hold on, and believe till the end, put your faith into action like the heroes who came before us.

I. GOD _____ THOSE WHO SINCERELY _____ HIM.

Faith is active obedience to God by depending upon the reliability of His promises.

A. Abel models _____ in _____.
Hebrews 11:1-4; Genesis 4:1-16; 1 John 3:11-15

B. Enoch _____ faith that _____ God.
Hebrews 11:5-6; Genesis 5:21-24; Habakkuk 2:2-'4

II. GOD SEEKS _____ TO HIS _____ INSTRUCTIONS.

A. Noah builds the ark _____ God's _____.
Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6-9

B. Abraham leaves home _____ an _____ city.
Hebrews 11:8-10; Genesis 15-22

C. Sarah conceives _____ God's promise of a _____.
Hebrews 11:11-12; Genesis 15-22

III. GOD HAS _____ OUR HEAVENLY _____.

A. Our spiritual _____ welcomed God's promises from _____.
Hebrews 11:13-16

B. Abraham trusts God's _____ to raise the _____.
Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 21-22

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