

week 23
By Faith
Hebrews 11:1-7

Total Time: 60 minutes (flexible)

opening prayer

“Jesus, help us see You clearly and trust You fully. Teach us what real faith looks like in everyday life. Strengthen our hearts to worship, walk, and obey by faith. Amen.”

highlights & connection

opening reflection

- Why do you think our culture is so obsessed with heroes?
- Who or what do people tend to put their faith in today?

Bridge Statement: Everybody lives by faith. The real question is not whether you have faith—the real question is what your faith is in.

Key Reminder: Faith is not confidence in yourself. It is confidence in God.

scripture focus

Read Aloud: Hebrews 11:1-7

Context (Leader Summary)

The book of Hebrews was written to discouraged believers facing pressure, suffering, and uncertainty. Instead of simply telling them to “try harder,” Hebrews points them to Jesus. Chapter 11 shows us what happens when belief becomes trust and faith moves from theory into everyday life.

The heroes of Hebrews 11 were not perfect people. They were ordinary people who trusted an unseen God enough to obey Him.

main discussion focus

Key Truth # 1 - Faith Sees Differently

- Faith trusts what God says even when circumstances are unclear
- Faith sees beyond what is immediately visible
- What you behold shapes who you become

Discuss

- Why is it difficult to trust God when we cannot immediately see results?

Key Insight: Faith changes the way you see—and what you see changes the way you live.

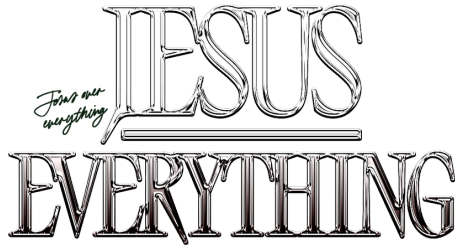
Key Truth # 2 - Abel — Faith Worships

- Abel brought worship, not just an offering
- Worship reveals what sits at the center of your life
- Faith gives God your first and your best

Discuss

- What is the difference between religious activity and genuine worship?

Key Insight: It is possible to bring God an offering without surrendering yourself to God.



Key Truth # 3 - Enoch — Faith Walks

- Enoch walked with God daily
- Faithfulness is often quiet and ordinary
- Real faith is relational, not performative

Discuss

- Why do we often overlook ordinary faithfulness in our relationship with God?

Key Insight: Some of the deepest faithfulness happens in ordinary, daily communion with God.

Key Truth # 4 - Noah — Faith Works

- Noah obeyed before the outcome was visible
- Faith moves before proof arrives
- Obedience often looks foolish to the world

Discuss

- Where is God asking you to obey before you have all the answers?

Key Insight: Faith obeys before the rain comes.

renewal - Living by Faith

Part A- What Is Your Faith In?

People often place their faith in:

- comfort
- success
- control
- relationships
- money
- self-sufficiency

Discuss honestly:

- What are you most tempted to trust instead of God?
- Where do you struggle to live by faith instead of sight?

Part B - Picking Up the Hammer

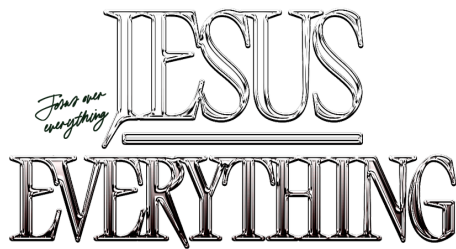
From the sermon:

- Abel worshiped
- Enoch walked
- Noah built

Discuss honestly:

- Which example do you relate to most right now?
- What step of obedience might God be asking you to take?

Key Line: Faith does not wait for certainty before it obeys.



missional living - Live By Faith This Week

Each person answers:

- What is one area where God is asking me to trust Him more deeply?
- What would it look like to obey before seeing the outcome?
- Who in my life needs encouragement to keep trusting God?

Next Week Follow-Up:

- Where did you choose faith over fear this week?
- What did obedience look like practically?

Key Line: Faith is not about having all the answers—it is about trusting the One who does.

prayer

1. **Confession:** “God, here is where I struggle to trust You...”
2. **Faith:** “Help me trust You even when I cannot see clearly...”
3. **Obedience:** “Give me courage to obey what You are asking of me...”

final takeaways

- Faith changes the way you see
- Abel shows us faith that worships
- Enoch shows us faith that walks
- Noah shows us faith that obeys
- Ordinary people become faithful by trusting an extraordinary God
- Faith moves before the outcome is visible

memory verse

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” - Hebrews 11:1

discipleship journey connection

This week is about: Faith Formation

Encourage:

- daily trust in God
- ordinary faithfulness
- courageous obedience
- worship centered on Christ
- walking with God throughout the week