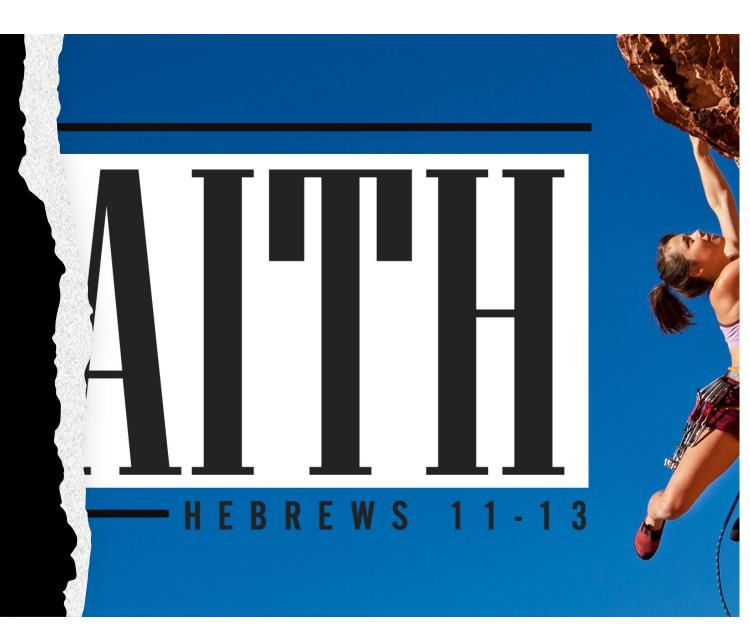


CALL TO THE WORD HEB 10:35-37 11:1,6, 24-29





Therefore, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT TARRY.





Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony... and without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.





By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.





By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land, whereas* the Egyptians, attempting *to do* so, were drowned.

НЕВ 11:24-26



The Choices by Faith, pt 2 Review & Intro





Choices by Faith

At some point and time, the Holy Spirit is going to tap you on the shoulder and challenge you to make a counter-culture stand... and there your faith will be tested by the choices you make.



REVIEW / INTRODUCTION



Heb 11:24-26 "By Faith"





By Faith

"Faith is acting like it's so even when it's not so, in order that it might be so simply because God said so." (Evans)

Faith involves the most solid possible conviction, the God-given present assurance of a future reality.



By Faith

For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand. (Acts 7:25)



"...refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter..." v24b

"refused": conscious, purposeful action of the will to disclaim association with



"...the reward..." v26

Mat 16:24-26

The Principle: The more you live for yourself, the more miserable you'll be. But the more you say, "Lord, I'm going to live for You completely, wholeheartedly, and totally," the more abundant your life will be both now and eternally.



V25: Moses' Choice... to suffer

This was not a passing fad with Moses but was the way he lived, his continual practice.

Php 3:10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death...



V25: Moses' Choice... to suffer

In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. (Ps 16:11)

"It is obvious that not only did Moses hold a strong belief (faith) but even more significant that strong belief held him."



V25,26: Moses' Choice... to suffer... reproach

Reproach: an expression of rebuke or disapproval. It means to endure insult and unjustifiable abuse, disgrace.

2Co 4:17



V25,26: Moses' Choice... to suffer... reproach

We should seek the foresight of insight.

"We should gain some insight from this... don't live for what the world will promise you today! Live for what God has promised you in the future!" (Wiersbe)



Heb 11:27-29 "Consequences of Choices"





V27...

Acts 7:23-29

Ex 2:15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian...

"CONSEQUENCES" HEB 11:27-29



V27...

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

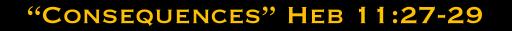
Failure is not the end... a lot of times it just the beginning because you've removed your biggest obstacle... yourself.

"CONSEQUENCES" HEB 11:27-29



V27...

Christianity is a call to live a supernatural life. The indwelling, empowering Spirit of Christ enables us to live a life ABOVE that life one can live by relying on one's natural strengths, talents, power, etc.





V28-29

1Co 5:7 For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

God will make a way when there is no way.







Let us be sure that we are on the line of God's purposes, then trust Him and fear nothing.

"CONSEQUENCES" HEB 11:27-29



reflections





Faith Makes Choices

Faith Does the Right Thing.Faith Chooses Affliction over Affluence.Faith Waits in Midian.Faith Obey's God's Word.Faith Moves Forward.





Faith Faces God Before We Face Men.

Ex 33:11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.





Faith Dares to Obey Despite Apparent Obstacles & Difficulties.

"It pays no attention to impossibilities when God has spoken." Ray Stedman





