Hebrews 11 – A faith to die for.

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Today we’re looking at FAITH
How do you make decisions in your life?

How is your faith?
How Babies Make Decisions

Is it food?

Yes

Stare at it, poke it, drop it on the floor, smash it, throw it, or rub it in your hair.

No

Try to eat it immediately.

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‘Step of Faith’
Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended.
Let’s read Hebrews 11

Heroes of Faith
What is the evidence of the life of faith?
Definition: Faith is belief with strong conviction;
A firm belief in something for which there may be no tangible proof;
Complete trust in or devotion;

Faith is the opposite of doubt.
got faith?

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

-Hebrews 11:1
Heroes of FAITH
ABEL – First Martyr in the Bible
Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.
Genesis 5:24

ENOC – The Man who walked with God
NOAH – A Righteous Man

Rain ... what’s that Lord?
NOAH – A Righteous Man
ABRAHAM – Father of the Jewish Nation

Demonstrated extraordinary faith, trust and obedience to the will of God.
Faith in Action

A life of faith is a willingness to give up past achievements and comforts and live out the rest of life in discomfort for the sake of a better promise.
SARAH – Mother of the Jewish Nation

_Inspiration faith to every person who has ever waited on God to act._
ISAAC – Father of Esau & Jacob

Patriarch of the Jewish nation – his son Jacob would father the leaders of the 12 tribes of Israel.
JACOB – Father of the 12 tribes of Israel

The sooner we trust God in life, the longer we will benefit from his blessings.

When we fight God, we are in a losing battle.
Forgiveness is always possible with the help of God. Sometimes suffering is part of God's plan to bring about a greater good. When God is all you have, God is enough.
Moses had great faith in God, even when no one else did.

He was on such intimate terms with God that God talked with him regularly.
Faith in Action

- Faith works despite adversity
- Faith accepts God’s plan.
- Faith sometimes requires the rejection of the world’s riches.
- Faith obeys the details of God’s Word.
- Faith is willing to do what is unnatural.
Joshua showed tremendous courage & prospered because he trusted God with every aspect of his life.
Rahab – Prostitute who believed in the One True God

Rahab declared her faith in the one true God & learned that following him will change your life forever. God judges us differently than others.
The BEST of the Rest …
Since it is natural for faith to be tested, trials should not nullify faith. **Trials should strengthen faith** ... for trials bring more faith.
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‘March of the unqualified’
Next time you feel unqualified to be used by God remember this, he tends to recruit from the pit, not the pedestal.
Who has inspired you the most in your Christian walk?
NICK VUJICIC
International Best-Selling Author of *Life Without Limits*

UNSTOPPABLE
The Incredible Power of Faith in Action
Faith in Action

God wants to encourage you today to live a faith-filled life and to leave a legacy.
Will you be a person of faith for your generation?
Homework for next fortnight
Read Hebrews 12 (& 13 if you like)
Hebrews 12 – Cross-eyed faith
Let’s Pray ...