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*Hebrews 11*

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## **Faith is More than Conviction, it is Directed Conduct**

- ❖ Account of sacrifice – *Genesis 4:1-5*
- ❖ “*By faith*” indicates it was done in accordance with God’s instruction – *Romans 10:17 (cf. Genesis 4:7, LXX)*
- ❖ Our actions are only “*excellent*” if they are directed by God’s will – *Ephesians 2:10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

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## **Our Righteousness is Confirmed or Denied by God's Word**

- ❖ God testifying of Abel's gift – *Genesis 4:4-5*
- ❖ God's word bears witness with our attitude toward Him, and obedience to Him that we are His faithful children – *Romans 8:15-16*
  - ❖ The spiritual man will be subject to God's law – *Romans 8:2, 7, 9*
- ❖ We need to examine ourselves to see if we are in subjection to God's word – *2 Corinthians 13:5*

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## **Faith Can Anger the Unfaithful**

- ❖ Abel was murdered by his brother because his deeds were righteous, but those of his brother were evil – *Genesis 4:8; 1 John 3:11-12*
- ❖ Darkness hates the light – *John 3:19-21*
- ❖ We should not allow such to cause us to stumble, but persist in godliness – *John 15:18; 16:1; 1 Peter 3:13-14*

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## Faith Leaves a Legacy

- ❖ Through his “*more excellent*” sacrifice, Abel still speaks although dead – *Hebrews 11:4*
- ❖ We can continue to positively affect others in the future by the life we are living now – *Hebrews 11:2; 13:7*

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## **Faith Requires a Willingness to Change**

- ❖ Enoch did not always walk by faith – *Genesis 5:21-24* – began at 65 after the birth of his son.
- ❖ God requires repentance – *Acts 17:30* – repentance is an act of faith.
- ❖ Doing God's will is what matters, and God will reward anyone who decides to start living by faith regardless of when they start – *Matthew 21:28-31; 20:8-16*

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## **Faith Requires Outspokenness**

- ❖ Enoch prophesied for God – *Jude 14-15*
- ❖ The Hebrews were encouraged to be outspoken (confident) in their faith – *Hebrews 10:35*
- ❖ Our faith is not to be kept to ourselves – *Matthew 10:27-28, 32-33; Acts 8:4*

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## **God May Spare the Faithful from Some Difficulty**

- ❖ God took Enoch early, without death, about mid-life – *Hebrews 11:5*
- ❖ Enoch and Lamech, both 7<sup>th</sup> sons from Adam (Seth and Cain) show the early divide in humankind – *Genesis 4:16-24; 5:22*
  - ❖ In being taken by God Enoch was spared from experiencing the spiritual decline in the world.
- ❖ It is a blessing to depart and be with the Lord – *Philippians 1:21, 23; Psalm 116:15*

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## **Faith Acts on God's Word, Not the Status Quo**

- ❖ Noah had followed God up to the point of the judgment on the ungodly world – *Genesis 6:5-9, 13, 17*
- ❖ The scoffers in Peter's day trusted in the status quo – *2 Peter 3:3-7*
- ❖ Noah trusted God's words and acted accordingly. He did so for a great period of time – *Genesis 6:3*

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## Faith Gives Attention to Detail in Fear of God

- ❖ Noah obeyed God in everything God instructed – *Genesis 6:22*
- ❖ Such action was energized by godly fear – *Hebrews 11:7*
- ❖ The Hebrews were warned about resisting God's word – *Hebrews 12:25, 28-29; 2:1-4*
- ❖ Noah was given specific instructions regarding the ark – *Genesis 6:14-16* – he obeyed them all.
- ❖ We are to hold fast the pattern of sound words in faith – *2 Timothy 1:13*

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## **Faith Affects Families for the Better**

- ❖ Noah saved his household by his actions – *Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20*
- ❖ Faith, or lack thereof, will drastically affect the spiritual direction of the family for the better or the worse – *Joshua 24:15*

## **Faith Will Naturally Condemn the Unfaithful**

- ❖ God's design is for His people to display their faith to bring godly sorrow on others – *Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11-12; 3:16; 2 Corinthians 7:10*

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