* God promised Abraham and Sarah a son, but they had to wait \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_years for the fulfillment of the promise.
* Mature faith is displayed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the fulfillment of God’s plans in God’s time.
	+ While we are waiting, we must also be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	+ None of the fathers of faith saw the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment of God’s promises, but they saw from “afar off” what God was doing.
	+ God always fulfills His promises to His believing people, either \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Abraham obeyed God by faith even when he didn’t completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what God was doing. (Heb. 11:17-19)
* Moses showed his faith in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s words and leading. (vs. 23-29)
* Moses was alive because of the act of faith by his believing parents. (Exodus 2:1-10)
* Godly parents cannot pass on their faith through DNA, they can certainly create an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith at home and be examples to their children.
* A home should be the first school of faith for a child.
* The faith of Moses was rewarded with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for him and his people. (Exodus. 11–13)
* Faith brings us out (Heb. 11:28), takes us through (Heb. 11:29), and brings us in (Heb. 11:30).
* Joshua and Rahab showed their faith in obedience, allowing God to use them for His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 30-31, Joshua 2-6)
* Rahab was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and an unlikely person to put faith in God.
* She was saved by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, while the other inhabitants of the city were marked out for death. (Joshua 2:8-14)
* And the rest here in chapter 11... (vs. 32-40)

*Faith can operate in the life of any person who is willing to listen to God’s Word and surrender to God’s will.*

* Gideon was a frightened farmer whose faith did not grow strong right away. (Judges. 6:11–7:25).
* Barak had victory over Sisera, but he needed Deborah the prophetess as his helper to assure him. (Judges 4:1–5:31).
* Samson was not very Godly most of His life. He went to his gave in to his sinful appetites. Yet in his demise he served God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Judges 13-16)
* Jephthah dedicated his daughter to a law of vows, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her to God. (Judg. 11:1–12:7).
* David had many victories because of His faith in God and only seemed to fail when he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Samuel was a great man of faith who was a prophet who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God even when man was not pleased with Him.
* When we walk in faith, we are not guaranteed immediate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Faith enables us to turn from the approval of the world and seek only the approval of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**So What Now?**

* Our faith looks to the future, for that is where the greatest rewards are found.
* Today we give thanks for these heroes of faith because they were faithful during difficult times, and yet we are the ones who have received the “better blessing.”
* Without faith it is impossible to please God. Let’s look to those who have gone before us and pray for their kind of faith. (Heb. 11:6)

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**Hebrews 11:4-40**

* We see specific demonstrations of faith from the great Hebrew men and women of faith… (11:4-40)
* Abel showed his faith in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 4, Genesis 4:1-10)
* Abel was a righteous man because of faith, and it cost him his \_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Cain was not a believer and did not have faith. He was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Abel was the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the faith. (1 John 3:10-12)
* Enoch showed his faith through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ closely with God. (vs. 5-6)
* Enoch’s faith caused a desire to please God and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to seek Him.
* Our faith, if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should trigger a desire for prayer, God’s Word, worship, and discipline.
* Noah showed his faith by obediently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the face of mocking and persecution. (vs. 7)
* No one at that time had ever seen a flood (or possibly even a rainstorm), which must have caused much questioning about Noah’s actions.
* Noah’s faith \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his whole family, and because of his faith they were saved.
* Because of his faith the whole world was condemned because it revealed their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the flood events proved that Noah was right!
* Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were the fathers of faith who expressed their faith by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for God’s timing. (vs. 8-22)

*This section shows the promise of God and His plans for the nation of Israel. (Heb. 11:9, 11, 13, 17)*

* The nation began with God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham.