

Life Application Notes

Sunday – 19th (West End)/26th (Central) November 2017

Speaker: Chris Kilby **Scripture:** Hebrews 11:1-12:1 **Series/Title:** Jesus >. Our Response – Cultivate Faith.

Introduction

In 1 Cor 4:16 and 11:1 The Apostle Paul urges the believers to: 'imitate me', and to 'follow me as I follow the example of Christ':

Imitating heroes of the faith, and especially Jesus is what enables us to press on with faith.

Question for each person: 'Alongside Jesus – who is your greatest bible hero?'

The Hebrews 11 Hall of Fame.

On Sunday Chris began to look at some of the great 'cloud of witnesses' listed in God's hall of fame. Each of them expressed faith, and their example is recorded for all time. What do you recall about the faith example of these heroes?

- Abel (11:4)
- Enoch (11:5)
- Noah (11:7)
- Abraham and Sarah (11:8-12)

More of the Gallery.

Here are some of the other faith lessons to be grasped from the Hebrews hall of fame.

Faith Lesson 8 – Faith Exposes your Idols.

Read V 17 – 19. Here we see the famous test of Abraham's faith.

- Why was this a test of his faith? (Isaac was irreplaceable and was the route to Abraham's future fruitfulness. Abraham passed the test. Not by putting Isaac second, but by trusting in God for his life.)
- How could Isaac have been an idol? (loved son, promised son. Abraham didn't make an Idol out of his son, but trusted in the power of God to even raise him from the dead if possible. From Abraham's perspective this was not his problem but God's problem.)
- What idols have you seen God remove from your life?

Faith Lesson 9 - A Faith Example can be Inherited.

Read 20-21. Isaac had witnessed Abraham's faith, and went on to bless his sons, Jacob and Esau. Even though Jacob spent most of his life scheming, in the end he recognises the futility of that, and comes back to faith and blessed his Grandsons.

- How can we set the tone of faith in our homes/church for the emerging and future generations?

Faith Lesson 10 Faith Looks forward.

Read v22. Joseph's life had many instances of faith (steadfast under temptation, patient under injustice) In old age he reminds Israelites of the Promise of a 2nd Redeemer, (Moses)

- Looking forward – what do you have faith to see happen through Life Church?

Faith Lesson 11 – Faith Overcomes Fear

Read v 23.

- How did Moses parent's express faith and overcome fear of the King's edict to kill the boys? What does this teach us about faith?

Have someone read the remaining verses 11:24-12:1.

Now pray together for the gift of faith to shape our lives and our church!