

# HEBREWS

## STUDY 12 – HEB 11:1-40

1. What do you think it means to 'have faith' in something? Is it possible to have 'more' or 'less' faith in something?



### **Read Hebrews 11:1-40**

2. Why do you think the writer of Hebrews has devoted an entire chapter to the topic of 'faith'? How does it fit in with the rest of the letter?

**Verses 1-16** speak of faith in general terms, and give some examples from the book of Genesis of God's people who through their actions displayed great faith.

3. What was it, particularly, about their actions that meant they were demonstrating great faith?
  - a. Abel –
  - b. Enoch –
  - c. Noah –
  - d. Abraham –
4. How do verses 13-16 sum up the main point that is being made by these examples?

**Verses 17-31** provide further examples of great Old Testament figures who displayed great faith in their actions.

5. How is faith in God shown to affect decision-making in the examples of:
  - a. Abraham (v17-19) –
  - b. Moses (v24-28) –
6. In what practical ways should our faith in God affect the decisions that we have to make in life?
7. What does the example of Jericho (verse 30) tell us about faith in God?
8. In what ways is your own faith weak in this quality?

**Verses 32-40** conclude the chapter by summarising the achievements and sufferings of further men and women of the faith, and summarises the argument that has been presented.

9. How would you summarise the effect that faith in God and his promises had upon the lives of the people referred to in these verses?
10. What kind of Christian witness did they present to those around them?
11. In what ways are we far more privileged than they were?
12. How should understanding this affect the way we live out our day-to-day faith?