

“That’s What Faith Can Do...”

Sermon • *Hebrews 11:23-32, 11:39-12:3*

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Sermon Reading – Part 1 “What More Shall I Say?”

Hebrews 11:23-32

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. ³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets.

1) Faith enables us to **see** what others cannot **see**.

a) Faith **records** only the **victories**

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days
(*Hebrews 11:29–30*)

b) He **glories** in them because they **glorified** him

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets
(*Hebrews 11:32*)

Sermon Reading – Part 2 “Run the Race of Faith”

Hebrews 11:39-12:3

39 And all these [men and women], though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

2) As a result, faith enables us to **do** what others cannot **do**!

a) Get off the **couch** and get in the **game**.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us... Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us
(Hebrews 11:39–12:1)

b) **Run Your Race**.

...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith
(Hebrews 12:1b–2a)