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**HEBREWS 11**  
**THE FAITH HALL OF FAME**

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“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” Hebrews 11:1, 3

Hebrews 11 is often called the “Faith Hall of Fame” as it lists certain individuals in the Bible whose demonstrations of faith caused major shifts in their lives and in some cases in nations.

This series we are looking at the lives of key women in Hebrews 11, their diverse journeys and postures of faith and what we can learn from them. We pray as we go through this series the Holy Spirit will minister to you specifically and reveal new dimensions of Himself so you can believe Him for more.

Get ready to have your faith level increase!



## Day 1

### Rahab: Faith 'Because of'

“and said to the men: “I know that the Lord has given you the land...” Joshua 2:9

“By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.” Hebrews 11:31

When Joshua sent spies to Jericho, they were housed by Rahab who told them that the people of Jericho were actually very afraid of Israel because of what they had heard about their God. Armed with this knowledge, Rahab took a leap of faith to not only house the Israelite spies, but to strike a deal with them that would secure her safety and that of her family. Why did she take this risk? Rahab had a personal conviction about God. She knew it was just a matter of time for Jericho to be taken over because she believed in this great God who had won so many victories.

“Then she said, “According to your words, so be it.” And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.” Joshua 2:21 NKJV

Her conviction was so strong that immediately the men left, she tied the scarlet cord to her window as they agreed, thus positioning herself in a manner that would enable her draw on her faith and their agreement. Faith takes action (James 2:19-20) and her action paid off.

'Moreover David said, “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine...” I Samuel 17:37

David looked at what God had done which gave him the boldness to face Goliath. What are you believing God for? Have you looked at His track record in your life and seen what He has already done? If He did it before either in your life or another person, He can certainly do it again. Rahab didn't know exactly when the answer was going to come, but she positioned herself to receive it. What do you need to do to position yourself for what you're believing God for?

**Prayer:** Lord I thank You for all the things You have done for me, all the battles You have fought and won. Help me Lord to always remember that Your record is good.



## Day 2

### Sarah: Faith “In Spite of”

“By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.” Hebrews 11:11

“Abraham and Sarah were old by this time, very old. Sarah was far past the age for having babies. Sarah laughed within herself, “An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?” Genesis 18:11-12 MSG

Sarah looked at her immediate circumstances, the logical impossibility of having a baby and she laughed to herself. Because frankly the chances of an elderly couple having a baby for the first time really does sound impossible. Yes, God specializes in impossible looking situations, but Sarah had probably not seen anything like this in the past to hold on to. Yet somehow we see that she transitioned from that state of mind to believing God.

‘Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”’ Mark 9:24

God isn’t afraid of our questions or unwilling to help when we acknowledge that our faith for something is small and we are struggling. What we shouldn’t do is just remain in a state of not believing. When the father of the epileptic boy went to Jesus, he asked Jesus to help him “if” He could and the father acknowledged that he needed help believing. Jesus wasn’t upset with the father, rather He encouraged him to believe and healed the child.

At times we need some encouragement with our faith and in these times we may need to latch on to the testimonies of others knowing that the God that moved on their behalf can move on ours. Sarah didn’t believe but her faith must have been helped by Abraham’s conviction. Imagine him telling Sarah everyday that they’re one day closer to having their baby and always encouraging her. Slowly but surely Sarah’s faith would have been growing until she got to the point of believing it could actually happen and she could conceive a child.

Someone who’s struggling with faith shouldn’t be chastised for not believing but rather encouraged until their faith levels grow. And if you’re the one struggling, ask the Lord to increase your faith and be deliberate about looking for situations in the lives of others where God has proven Himself.

**Prayer:** Lord right now I am struggling to believe You in some areas, please help my unbelief and show me how to encourage myself in growing in faith.



## Day 3

### Women Who Received their dead raised to Life: Faith “Regardless of”

“Women received their dead raised to life again...” Hebrews 11:35

The women who received their dead raised to life had a posture of faith that refused to be shaken in spite of what the prevailing circumstances said. It’s a rugged and dogged type of faith that simply will not give up. While the Bible may have been speaking about dead people in this context, the word “dead” used in the verse also means spiritually dead, destitute of power, inactive, inoperative. So it’s not just dead people, dead situations can also come back to life.

'And the mother of the child said, “As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he arose and followed her.' 2 Kings 4:30

'But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.' Acts 9:40

When the Shunamite woman’s son died, she didn’t immediately went to Elisha and refused to leave him until he went with her. Likewise, when Tabitha dies, the women in Joppa were insistent of having Peter come to them. They were not passive about getting their desired solution. When Peter was with Tabitha, the Bible says he prayed and then turned to the body. Meaning he focused on the One who could bring a solution and when he addressed the situation. Many times when we’re in tight spots we focus more on the problem than the solution, but Peter’s example shows us that it should be the other way round.

'Give the Lord no rest until he completes his work, until he makes Jerusalem the pride of the earth.' Isaiah 62:7

The word ‘receive’ used in Heb 11:35 isn’t a passive word where someone is waiting to get something. It means to lay hold of, any person or thing, to take what is one’s own, It’s the kind of faith Isaiah speaks of where we don’t let go until we see what we are believing God for. It’s a resilient and ensuring kind of faith because the answer may not come immediately, yet we refuse to be deterred. That’s the kind of faith that receives dead things back to life.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me increase in my tenacity in the place of faith so I am not swayed when I don’t get an answer immediately. Help me to stay in faith until I see what I am believing You for.

## Day 4

### A Life of Faith

“... But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”  
Luke 18:7-8

Faith is a major currency of transacting in the spiritual realm. It's the medium through which we can convert what we believe in our hearts into a tangible manifestation in the physical. It is measurable, takes action and is anchored on the premise that God exists and that He is both willing and able to do what we are believing Him for.

'And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith.'" Luke 17:5

The women in this study all displayed different postures of faith in God. We saw faith because of prior experiences; faith in spite of not having any prior experience to hold on to; faith that was non-existent to begin with, but grew over time, and the faith that stands in the face of impossible situations. We can locate ourselves in any one or a combination of these postures, depending on what we are believing God for at the time. The fact that our faith can grow tells us that faith is expandable, and that God in His mercy meets us at the level of our faith, whatever that may be.

'We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life.' 1 John 1:1

'And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'  
Philippians 4:19

As we journey with God and the Holy Spirit brings us into progressive revelation of His awesome love and power, we invariably grow in faith. Not just because of what other have said about Him, but because of what we have personally experienced and the transformation of our minds as we start thinking like Him. And the wonderful thing about Him is that the levels of depth in Him are inexhaustible. No matter where we may be now, there is much more we can believe God for – personal needs, salvation of men, transformation of nations – God will meet us where we're at. But the charge from Him is always to come up higher and mature in all areas, especially our faith.

**Prayer:** Lord I thank You for meeting me where I am. Help me grow in faith as I walk with You so I start to think and function like You here on earth.

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