

“Faith Makes a Difference” **Hebrews 11:7-31**

I. 5 Commonalities of the life of faith

- A) Lived During Difficult Times**
- B) Experienced Difficult Trials**
- C) Overcame Difficult Opposition**
- D) Looked Forward Despite Difficult Obstacles**
- E) Rewarded for Difficult Decisions**

II. 9 Specific Examples of Faith-Filled Believers

A) Noah

Genesis 6:7, 9 Luke 17:27; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5

- 1) Faith is sometimes a *long process*
- 2) Faith affects the people *around you*
- 3) Faith is *taking* God at His Word
- 4) Faith often invites *ridicule*
- 5) Faith has a different *measure* of success

B) Abraham

- 6) Faith doesn't demand destinations but *trusts* in the journey
- 7) Faith gladly lives humbly *now* in hope of living large *then*

C) Sara

- 8) Faith is not a stranger to *doubt*
- 9) Faith makes possible what is *unthinkable* to others in same situation
- 10) Faith understands *delays* are not *denials*

D) Abraham

- 11) Faith shines *brightest* when trust is *hardest*
- 12) Faith is willing to *slay* anything that *competes* with God

E) Isaac

- 13) Faith has eyes that see as *heaven* sees

F) Jacob

- 14) Faith *remembers* the past and believes for the future

G) Joseph

- 15) Faith believes God's promises even when *death* overtakes life

H) Moses

- 16) Faith *trumps* fear, even when torture is a reality
- 17) Faith chooses heavenly *reward* over earthly *pleasure*
- 18) Faith chooses *Christ* over the best the world can offer
- 19) Faith believes the promise sealed in *blood*
- 20) Faith ventures into *danger* trusting God's sustaining power
- 21) Faith sometimes seems *absurd*

I) Rahab

- 22) Faith provides the way for *anyone* to know God