

## Small Group Questions

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Series: Heroic Faith Message: "Secrets of Enduring"

This series will walk through Hebrews chapter 11 and follow the theme of faith found there. The writer of Hebrews uses a series of illustrations of those from long ago who lived out a genuine faith in real-world situations. A clear takeaway from the chapter combines faith demonstrated by actions. Our works do not save us but they evidence a genuine faith in God. Sometimes, in an effort to make it clear that salvation is by grace through faith, our actions are disconnected from our belief. We will see that heroic faith of old and in this present day believes, which is to trust, and to trust is to follow/obey.

The hope of this series is to see some cross the line of faith by making a conscious commitment to follow Jesus and, for others, to engage their faith more in their day-to-day life.

Thanks again for your time and effort in shepherding the lives of others! If you have stories to share of how God is changing lives in your group, please send them along to the staff. Names can be kept out if needed.

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. Who is one person you know who has "endured a lot?" How so?
2. What is the farthest distance you have ever run? What advice would you give to someone intending to run as far as you did?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Hebrews 11:23-29.

1. What do you know about Moses' story in the Old Testament?
2. In Moses journey, he encountered: childhood trauma, identity crises, total rejection, circumstances going from bad to worse, and impossible problems. Which of those struggles do you identify with the most?
3. What hard choices did Moses make because of his faith (:24-28)? Why do you believe he was able to make those hard choices the way he did?
4. Do you think there is a difference between "believing in God" and "believing the God you believe in?" Why or why not?
5. Has your faith, like Moses, ever required you to choose to follow Him and let go of something or someone else?
6. What is your main takeaway about faith from :24-28? How can that apply to your life?
7. What is one "Red Sea" (i.e., difficult circumstance) you need God to work powerfully in?
8. What one thing can you do this week to believe God (apply) in your life?

