



## The Faith of the Israelites — The Witnesses of Courageous Faith, Part 3

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Hebrews 11:29-40

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### What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

**A Better Person: Jesus** (1-6)

**A Better Priesthood: Jesus** (7-10)

**A Better Principle: Faith** (11-13)

The Examples of Faith (11)

The Features of Faith — Faith Described vs. 1-3

The Family of Faith — Faith Displayed vs. 4-40

Abel: The **WORSHIP** of faith. v. 4 — A picture of what it looks like when you first come to **SAVING** faith in Jesus Christ. "*Abel offered to God a better sacrifice ...*"

Enoch: The **WALK** of faith. vs. 5-6 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly are **SEEKING** God by faith. "*Enoch walked with God ...*" (cf. Genesis 5:22,24)

Noah: The **WORK** of faith. v. 7 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly **SERVE** God by faith. "*Noah prepared an ark ...*" (cf. Genesis 6:8-22)

Abraham: The **WORTHY** example of faith. vs. 8-19 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly **SURRENDER** to God by faith.

Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph: The **WAY** of faith passed on. vs. 20-22 — A picture of what it looks like when you **SUCCESSFULLY** communicate your faith to your children.

Moses: The **WEALTH** of faith pursued. vs. 23-28 — A picture of what it looks like when you **SEIZE** eternal treasures by faith.

The Israelites - The **WITNESSES** of courageous faith. vs. 29-40 — A picture of what it looks like when your life makes a **STATEMENT** of confident faith.

The transition from **INDIVIDUALS** (vs. 4-28) to **ISRAELITES** — "*they*" vs. 29-40

### What we are going to learn today in our study ...

Continued ...

I. COURAGEOUS FAITH TO CONQUER THROUGH **STRUGGLES**. vs. 30-35a

Joshua and the Israelites v. 30 (cf. Joshua 6:1-20)

Rahab and the Israelites v. 31 (Cf. Joshua 2, 6)

Other Israelites vs. 32-35a

II. COURAGEOUS FAITH TO CONQUER THROUGH **SUFFERING**. vs. 35b-38

*"And others" — 3 groups under the shadows of persecution*

The First Group — Those who are being **ABUSED**. vs. 35b-36

*"tortured"*

*"mocking"*

*"scourgings"*

*"chains and imprisonment"*

The Second Group — Those who are being **MARTYRED**. v. 37a

*"stoned"*

*"sawn in two"*

*"tempted/tested"*

*"put to death with the sword"*

The Third Group — Those who are being **ABANDONED**. vs. 37b-38

*"went about in sheepskins, in goatskins"*

*"being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated"*

*"wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground."*

III. COURAGEOUS FAITH TO COUNT ON **SALVATION**. vs. 39-40

The Promise v. 39

*"And all these, having gained approval through their faith, **did not receive** what was promised, **because ...**"*

The Participants v. 40

*"... God had provided something better **for us**, so that apart **from us** they would not be made perfect."*

**Today's Growth Point — How does this passage apply to you and your GCG?**