LIFE Bible Study: Hebrews 11:1-40 – Part 2 Faith's Cost & Faith's Commendation

For Discussion: Who are the people in your life whose approval you seek the most? Why does their opinion of you matter? How far have you gone to pursue that approval?

Read Hebrews 11:1-40

The accounts of faith listed in Hebrews 11 span the whole of the Old Testament and are grouped into four historical periods. These accounts show the importance of faith in the lives of God's people since the beginning. v.1-7 - Creation to Noah

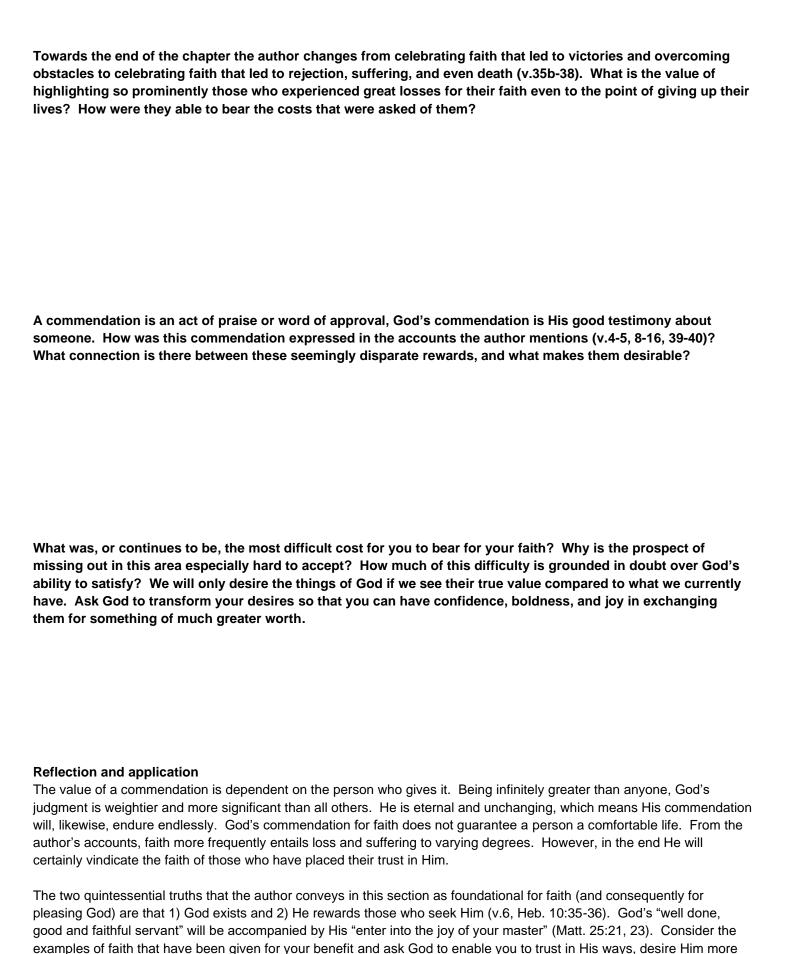
v.8-22 - Abraham to Joseph

v.23-31 - Moses to Israel's entry into the Promised Land

v.32-40 – Period of the judges, kings, and prophets

For review: Having established in the preceding chapters how eminently worthy Jesus is of our trust as the atoning sacrifice for our sins, the author dedicates the following section to showing how such a faith in God looked in the lives of those who lived before Jesus' day. The previous study in Hebrews 11 focused on the conviction of faith and the call of faith. Faith is characterized by a firm belief in what God has revealed and shows itself to be genuine by its willingness to answer His call to respond to it. The author also highlights in this section two additional facets of faith, its cost and its commendation. God's followers must be willing to pay the price required by their faith, which comes with the promise of an even greater reward for those who persist in it to the end.

Some of the costs of faith are known and assumed at the outset, while others may be unseen and come later as a consequence of that faith and/or a cost to remain in it. What are some things that were surrendered or lost for the sake of faith in the accounts given by the author? What costs have we been called to bear in order to follow Jesus (Luke 14:25-33, John 15:18-21)?



than anything else, and be willing to put action to that desire to pursue Him, living in hope and anticipation of His great

reward.