

Faith Worth Remembering

True faith is not abstract. The kind of faith that pleases God has stories attached to it. In this series we will look at some of the Bible's best faith stories retold in Hebrews 11. They are stories of courage, stories of resilience, stories worth remembering. And since their God is our God, our remembering can inspire us to live some faith stories of our own.

Week 7: ...Finishes Strong

1. Rick began by pointing out that *"Following Jesus is exhilarating, but it can also be exhausting."* How has this been true in your life? Follow up: What is one thing that encourages you to keep going when you are tempted to quit?
2. **Read Hebrews 11:32-39a.** What resonates with you the most from the examples in this passage? How can that help you as you follow Jesus? Follow up: How can their stories inspire us to be a better witness for future generations?
3. **FAITH WORTH REMEMBERING... remembers that the finish matters.** What did all of these heroes of faith have in common and why is it so important to your faith?
4. **SO REMEMBER... God commends conquering faith.** *The end of human ability is not the end of God's possibility.* Share a testimony of incredible triumph that has inspired you in your faith journey. How has that example of conquering faith changed you?
5. **SO REMEMBER... God commends suffering faith.** *While it takes faith to conquer, sometimes it takes even more faith to suffer.* How have you learned to embrace faith stories that *celebrate triumph* and ones that *endure tragedy* without having to silence either kind? What did you learn about God and yourself while embracing that tension?
6. **SO REMEMBER... God commends enduring faith.** *Discipleship is a long obedience in the same direction.* Why is it so important to remember this? What are some things that help you the most in your steady pursuit of the way of Jesus?
7. **FAITH WORTH REMEMBERING... remembers how Jesus finished. Read Hebrews 12:1-3.** How can remembering how Jesus finished help you persevere? What is something you need to "throw off" so that you can finish strong? What helps you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus? Follow up: As you close, share one way this series has changed the way you want to be remembered?

