

## The Faith to Endure

### Intro:

1. Hebrews was written to encourage Hebrew Christians.
2. The faith of great men and women was demonstrated.
3. They had developed faith that endured.

### Body:

- I. Background and context of Hebrews 11.
  - A. Written to Hebrew Christians who had endured — Heb. 12:4.
  - B. The honor roll of faith is given to show great faith.
- II. Faith — Hebrews 11.
  - A. First, faith is characterized — Heb. 11:1.
    1. Assurance of mind, confidence — Heb. 3:14.
    2. For instance — 2 Tim. 1:12.
  - B. The importance of faith is stated well.
    1. To be pleasing to God — Heb. 11:6.
    2. To withstand Satan and hold fast to salvation —  
1 Pet. 1:3-5; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 1 Jn. 5:4.
  - C. The writer then gives examples of that faith.
- III. A very important point was made — Heb. 11:39-40.
  - A. The men and women had learned — Num. 23:19; Deut. 7:9.
  - B. Yet, there was one promise that they continued to wait for.
    1. God had promised a blessing — Gen. 12:3; Gen. 22:18.
    2. He was to establish a kingdom — 2 Sam. 7:12-13.
    3. He was to raise up a Messiah — Isa. 9:6-7.
  - C. They had knowledge of the promise — Heb. 11:13.
    1. Yet, they had no knowledge of how — 1 Pet. 1:10-12.
  - D. Those to whom the author writes had seen the fulfillment —  
Gal. 4:4-5.
    1. Those witnessed about never saw — Heb. 11:40.
    2. We now can understand — Eph. 3:3-4.

### Conc:

1. To be pleasing to God and to withstand the attacks of Satan, we need to develop the faith of an Abel, a Noah, and the others.
2. How do you grow that faith — Rom. 10:17?