

Discussion Notes for Hebrews 11 (Part 4) v20–40

Theme: Faith continues to be the focus of these verses as we complete this chapter.

- What is the biggest challenge to you when it comes to trusting the Lord?
- Read **verses 20 through the first part of verse 35**. List all the POSITIVE outcomes of faith that are listed in these verses. (You should find 10.)
- Now read from **the middle of verse 35 through verse 38**. Note the outcomes of faith that are listed in these verses. Why do you think people don't often consider these descriptions of faith?
- Read **verse 39** and compare it to **Philippians 1:12–14**. What do these two passages have in common?
- Pastor Paul made the following statement concerning the above passages: **“The life of faith can appear at times to look very much like defeat.”** Discuss why this statement is true but also hard for many to accept.
- Why do you think most people define FAITH as receiving the object of their faith?
- **Something to Ponder:** The final two verses of this section can be challenging to understand but they speak of God delaying the fulfillment of promises during the time of the Old Testament so that He might reveal something even greater. What greater thing did He finally reveal in the New Testament?
- Why is the revelation of the New Covenant greater than what came before?