

Hall of Faith: All Stars

Psalm 25 ❖ Hebrews 11:39-40

*“Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun,
as a process than as a possession.
Faith is not being sure where you’re going but going anyway.”
 (“Wishful Thinking,” Frederick Buechner, 25)*

Haloed or Horns?

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not **see**. This is what the ancients were **commended** for. They were all **commended** for their faith, yet none of them received what had been **promised**” (Hebrews 11:1-2, 39).

Three Common Denominators in Hebrews 11

1. **Faith**
2. **Fumbles**
3. **Future**

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#1 “By his faith, **Noah** **condemned** the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith” (Heb 11:7).

“It sometimes seems a pity,” Mark Twain said of mankind, “that Noah and his party didn’t miss the **boat**”.

Do we trust God enough to follow His orders?

#2 “By faith **Abraham**, when called to go to a place he would **later** receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went” (Heb 11:8a).

“So **Hagar** bore Abram a son, and Abram gave him the name Ishmael” (Genesis 16:15).

Like Abraham, the **pilgrims** “did not know where they were going” (Heb 11:8b) but did know Who called them.

#3 “By faith the prostitute **Rahab**, because she welcomed the spies, was not **killed** with those who were disobedient” (Heb 11:31).

Rahab is one of the five **women** listed in Jesus’ genealogy in Mt 1.

The Bible emphasizes what Rahab **became** over what she once was.

#4 “I do not have time to tell about **Gideon** ...” (Heb 11:32a).

Even after the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, he still wanted **proof**. (Judges 6:36-40)

God will give you more than **you** can handle, but He will never give you more than **He** can handle.

#5 “I do not have time to tell about **David** ...” (Heb 11:32e).

Psalm 51 is David’s prayer of **confession** and repentance.

God called David “a man after His own **heart**” (1 Samuel 13:14).

#6 **Widow of Zarephath** “Women received back their **dead**, raised to **life** again” (Heb 11:35a).

“She said to Elijah, ‘What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my **sin** and kill my son?’” (1 Ki 17:18).

“Now faith is being sure of what we **hope** for” (Heb 11:1).

#7 **Jeremiah** “... the prophets who, through faith, faced **jeers** and flogging” (Heb 11:36a).

Jeremiah was once so distraught, he “cursed the day he was **born**” (Jer 20:14).

He prophesied there will always be more **stands** to take.

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“Show me Your **ways**, O Lord, teach me Your **paths**” (Ps 25:1).

Remembering the three common denominators in Hebrews 11 - **Faith**, **Fumbles** and **Future** - we’re All Stars, too.

