

Outline #11 Jesus, Author and Perfecter of
Our Faith

Bless the LORD, O my soul – Psalm 103:1-4

1. The Righteous Will Live By Faith

- a) Hebrews 10:35-36, 11:1-2,6 Why is persevering faith in Jesus vitally important?
- b) How does the message of the LORD to the prophet Habakkuk relate to our lives today? Hebrews 10:37-38 (see Habakkuk 2:3-4)
- c) God gives a measure of faith to everyone (Romans 12:3). What, if anything, can we do to nurture a resilient persevering faith?
- d) Is Mark 9:24 a prayer we can also pray?

2. Early men and women of faith

- a) Hebrews 11:4, 5, 7, 8-12, 17-19, 20-22 Why does the author highlight these men and one woman of faith through the time of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, and not others?
- b) What did these individuals all have in common? Hebrews 11:13-16
- c) What important lessons can we learn from Hebrews 11:13 for our lives today?

3. By Faith Moses

- a) Hebrews 11:23-29 Why do you think the author places great emphasis on Moses?
- b) How did the experience of Moses parallel the experience of the recipients of this letter? Hebrews 10:32-35, Hebrews 13:3
- c) What are some struggles or tribulations you have faced because of your faith? Share a time when you were tempted to abandon your faith in God.

4. By Faith Rahab, and the Rest

- a) Hebrews 11:31 (see also Joshua 2:9-11, 6:21-23) Why was a pagan cult prostitute included in this honored list of great men and women of faith? You would have expected Joshua to be highlighted, not Rahab. (see also Matthew 1:5)
- b) Hebrews 11:32-38 What impacts you the most of you hear this summary statement?
- c) What is the meaning of Hebrews 11:40? Are we also part of this great race of faith?

5. Looking to Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of Our Faith

- a) Hebrews 12:1-3 Jesus is the Foundation and perfect embodiment of persevering faith.
- b) What are some weights that might hinder us as we run the race of faith?
- c) Various Bible characters were ensnared by different sins. Consider, for example, David, Nebuchadnezzar, Judas. How do we identify the sin that so easily ensnares us? (see Psalm 139:23-24, John 16:7-8)
- d) What was the joy set before Jesus that He focused on while running the race of faith? What about us?

