Wednesday Morning Senior Adults Bible Study
THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
September 29, 2026

HEBREWS 11

Background for this chapter (Hebrews text in parentheses):

Abel — Genesis 4:1-16 (11:4)
Enoch — Genesis 5:21-24 (11:5)
Noah — Genesis 6:9-22 (11:7)
Abraham in a foreign land — Genesis 12:1-9 (11:8-10)
Sarah & Abraham — Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 (11:11-12)
Abraham sacrifices Isaac — Genesis 22:1-19 (11:17-19)
Isaac — Genesis 27:27-29, 27:39-40 (11:20)
Jacob — Genesis 48 (11:21)
Joseph — Genesis 50:22-26 (11:22)
Moses's Parents — Exodus 1:15 to 2:10 (11:23)
Moses in Egypt — Exodus 2:11-22 (11:24-27)
Moses keeping the Passover — Exodus 12:1-13, 12:21-30 (11:28)
Israel crossing the Red Sea — Exodus 14:10-31 (11:29)
Israel's attack on Jericho — Joshua 5:13 to 6:21 (11:30)
Rahab — Joshua 2, 6:20-25 (11:31)
Gideon — Judges 7 (11:32)
Barak — Judges 4 (11:32)
Samson — Judges 15 (11:32)
Jephthah — Judges 11 (11:32)
David — 1 Samuel 17 (11:32)
Samuel — 1 Samuel 7:2-14 (11:32)
Daniel — Daniel 6 (11:33)
Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego — Daniel 3 (11:34)
Women's children raised to life — 1 Kings 17:7-24 (11:35)
Faithful people refusing to be released — 2 Maccabees 7 (11:35)
Zechariah killed by stoning — 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 (11:37)

Hebrews 11:1-3 — Faith

11:1 — Faith is confidence in what we _____ for and assurance about what we do not _____.
11:3 — By faith we understand that the _____ was formed at God's command, so that what is _____ was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:4-40 — Great Models of Faith

	name	*what they did that demonstrated their faith*
11:4	Abel	brought God a better offering than Cain did
11:5	_____	_____

11:6 — Without faith it's impossible to _____ God. Anyone who comes to him must believe that he _____ and that he _____ those who earnestly seek him.

11:7	_____	_____
11:8	_____	_____
11:9-10	_____	_____
11:11-12	_____	_____

11:13-16 — All these people of faith were still _____ when they died.

• They did not receive _____; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.

• They admitted that they were _____ on earth.

• They were looking for a _____ of their own, a better country, a _____ one.

• How does God feel about such people?

	name	*what they did that demonstrated their faith*
11:17-19	_____	_____

• Abraham, when faced with the prospect of doing this, reasoned (by faith) that God could _____.

11:20	_____	_____
11:21	_____	_____
11:22	_____	_____
11:23	_____	_____
11:24-26	_____	_____
11:27	_____	_____

• verse 25 — Moses chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of _____.

• verse 26 — Moses regarded disgrace for the sake of _____ as of greater value than the _____ of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his _____.

• verse 27 — Moses saw him who is _____.

11:28	_____	_____
11:29	_____	_____
11:30	army of Israel	_____
11:31	_____	_____

11:32 — Why doesn't the writer continue to list more heroes of faith in detail? ☺

11:35 — *This description of faithful people "who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection," likely refers to people like the mother and her 7 sons in 2 Maccabees 7, who in the 160s BC defied Syrian-Greek King Antiochus IV by refusing to defy God's law in order to save their own lives. They endured extreme torture and all died the same day, trusting in God to raise them from the dead at the proper time.*

11:37 — *This description of people who "were sawed in two" may be a reference to the legend about the death of the prophet Isaiah, who was supposedly sawed in two by Judah's wicked King Manasseh.*

11:39 — These people were all commended for their _____. Yet none of them received what had been _____. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made _____.