

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:8 (NLT)

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11:9 (NLT)

And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith - for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise.

Hebrews 11:10 (NLT)

Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

**No DESPAIR but
HOPE**

Hebrews 11:20-22

Christ and the New Covenant are SUPERIOR to:

Angels, Moses, the Tabernacle,
the Priesthood, and the Sacrificial System.

Christ is so much **BETTER** than **ALL** of these
that it is futile to return to them. ESVN

Hebrews 10:32-36 (NLT)

³² Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. **Remember how you remained faithful** even though it meant **terrible suffering.**

³³ Sometimes you were **exposed to public ridicule** and were **beaten**, and sometimes you **helped others** who were **suffering the same things**.

³⁴ You **suffered along with** those who were **thrown into jail**, and when **all you owned was taken from you**, you accepted it **WITH JOY**. You knew there were **BETTER THINGS** waiting for you **that will last forever**.

³⁵ So do not **throw away this confident TRUST in the Lord.** Remember the great reward it brings you.

³⁶ **Patient Endurance** is what you need now, so that you will continue to **do God's will.**

Then you will receive
ALL that HE has promised.

Perseverance is the demonstration of Faith.

The author expresses confidence that his audience's **endurance** of persecution for the sake of **Christ IS** a **demonstration** of their **FAITH**. CCE

Genesis 25:22-23 (NIV)

...went to **INQUIRE** of the **LORD**.²³ The **LORD** said to her, **Two nations** are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people **WILL be STRONGER** than the other, and the **Older** will **SERVE** the **Younger**.

Genesis 26:35 (NIV)

They were a **source of GRIEF**
to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 27:1-2 (NIV)

When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, My son. Here I am, he answered. ² Isaac said, **I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death.**

Genesis 27:5-6 (NIV)

Now **Rebekah** was listening as **Isaac** spoke to **HIS son Esau**. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, ⁶ Rebekah said to **HER son Jacob**, Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau...

Genesis 27:31-32 (NIV)

...My father, sit up and eat some of my game, SO THAT you may give me your blessing. ³² His father Isaac asked him, Who are you? I am your son, he answered, your firstborn, Esau.

Genesis 27:33 (NIV)

³³ **Isaac Trembled Violently** and said, Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and **I BLESSED** him –
and indeed he will be blessed!

By **FAITH** Isaac knew his blessing would
be **perfectly FULFILLED** in the future.

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Genesis 28:3 (NIV)

May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples.

Genesis 28:4 (NIV)

May He give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, **the land God GAVE to Abraham.**

Genesis 48:1 (NIV)

Then Israel said to Joseph, I am about to die,
but **God WILL be WITH you** and take you
back to the LAND of your fathers.

Genesis 49:1 (NIV)

Then **Jacob** called for **his sons** and said:
Gather around so I can **tell you what will
happen to you in days to come.**

11:1 Now **faith** is being
SURE of what we hope for
and **CERTAIN** of what we do not see.

Faith is to look beyond death
to **be convinced** that death will **NOT**
frustrate **God's purposes.** PTW

Genesis 45:7-8 (NIV)

⁷ **...God sent me ahead of you to preserve** for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ So then, **it was not you who sent me here, but God...**

Genesis 50:17, 20 (NIV)

This is what you are to say to Joseph: **I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.'** Now please

forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.

When their message came to him, Joseph WEPT...

²⁰ You intended to **HARM** me, but **God intended IT** for **GOOD** to **accomplish** what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children. And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Joseph's brothers **committed evil**,
and God **brought about good**
from their evil. ALCORN

²² By **FAITH** Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about **the exodus** of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.

²⁰ You intended to **HARM** me
BUT GOD
intended **IT** for **GOOD**

God sovereignly worked SO THAT
the **EVIL** Joseph's brothers **committed** –
was dramatically **REVERSED** to achieve
His good purposes.

Joseph's Persevering Faith...

- Never **GAVE UP** Hope
- **FORGAVE** His Brothers
- Trusted GOD with the **FUTURE**

- Believed God had a **PLAN**
- **TRUSTED** God to Keep His Promises

Jeremiah 18:3-4 (NLT)

...I did as He told me and found the potter working at his wheel. ⁴ But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, **so he CRUSHED it into a lump of clay again and started over.**

Jeremiah 18:6 (NLT)

...⁶ O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? **As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are You in MY HAND.**

They all had a **FIRM conviction**
that **Death** could **NOT** Frustrate
or Stop God's plan. Morris

11:13 ALL these people were still living by **FAITH** when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only **saw them and welcomed them** from a **DISTANCE...**

Genesis 15:13-14 (NIV)

Then the LORD said to him, Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be **Enslaved and Mistreated four hundred years.** ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves...

Genesis 50:25 (NIV)

...God will surely come to your aid, and
then you must carry my bones up...

By FAITH...

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- Isaac was still a **NOMAD**
- Jacob was an **EXILE** in Egypt
- Joseph achieved **GREATNESS**

→ They did not **DOUBT** that the promises of God would come true

→ They died **not in Despair but in HOPE**

→ So their **FAITH** defeated **death**.

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