

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 2, 2017

Old Testament Examples of Saving Faith
Hebrews 11:32-40

The author, after confidently stating that he believed that both he and his readers possessed faith, then challenged his readers to live by faith using Old Testament examples (Hebrews 11:1-40).

The author began by highlighting examples of faith from the time period that preceded the flood (Hebrews 11:4-7).

The author then highlighted examples of faith from the time period of the patriarchs (Hebrews 11:8-22).

The author, after highlighting examples of faith from the time period of the patriarchs, then chose to highlight examples of faith from the time period surrounding the Exodus (Hebrews 11:23-31).

The author's final Old Testament examples of faith came from the time period of the judges through the time period of the kings (Hebrews 11:32-40).

The author provided a list of six individuals who were well known to his readers for what they had accomplished and endured by faith (Hebrews 11:32).

The author then added to his list of six names, "the prophets", who also would have been well known for what they had accomplished and endured by faith (Hebrews 11:32).

The author then provided his readers with a summary of all the various things that those he had just mentioned had accomplished by faith (Hebrews 11:33-35a).

The author then provided his readers with a summary of all the various things that those he had just mentioned had endured by faith (Hebrews 11:35b-38).

The author concluded the chapter by pointing out a major difference between those who had gained God's approval by faith in the Old Testament era and those who have gained God's approval by faith in the New Testament era (Hebrews 11:39-40).

May we by God's grace live by faith so that we, through God's power, might be able to accomplish the things He has called us to accomplish and to endure the things He has called us to endure.