

(Un)Certain **“Prefix Optional”**

Heb. 11:1 What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.

“Opting out of (un)”

1. Categorizing our circumstances.

Heb. 11:8 *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.*

2. The problem of problems.

Heb. 11:9 *And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith - for he was like a foreigner, living in a tent. And so did Isaac and Jacob, to whom God gave the same promise.*

3. Providence is better than plans.

Heb. 11:10 *Abraham did this because he was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.*

unCERTAIN “Who Can I Count On?”

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Heb. 11:11-12 It was by faith that Sarah together with Abraham was able to have a child, even though they were too old and Sarah was barren. Abraham believed that God would keep his promise. ¹²And so a whole nation came from this one man, Abraham, who was too old to have any children - a nation with so many people that, like the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

Questions of the hurting...

1. Where are my friends.

Heb. 11:11 *It was by faith that Sarah together with Abraham was able to have a child, even though they were too old and Sarah was barren. Abraham believed that God would keep his promise.*

2. When can I say God lied.

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3. Why would God bless me.

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“Why Hope Needs Truth?”

Heb. 11:13 All these faithful ones died without receiving what God had promised them, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed the promises of God. They agreed that they were no more than foreigners and nomads here on earth.

1. Discovering truth.

Heb. 11:13a *All these faithful ones died without receiving what God had promised them,*

2. Losing authority & responsibility.

Heb. 11:13b *but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed the promises of God.*

3. Agreeing with God about today.

Heb. 11:13c *They agreed that they were no more than foreigners and nomads here on earth.*

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“This is “only” a Test”

1. Getting honest about our faith.

Heb. 11:17 *It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God’s promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac...*

2. Behind every problem - a promise.

Heb. 11:18 *...though God had promised him, “Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted.”*

3. Our greatest fear.

Heb. 11:19 *Abraham assumed that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.*

Rom. 8:28 *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*