

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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SERMON SERIES
The Power of the Plus Factor
What It Is, and Why You Need It

SERMON FOR TODAY:
“Leap Before You Look”

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-7 (New King James Version)

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **2** For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. **6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Sermon Notes

The author of Hebrews introduces us to the heroes of faith. These men and women were people of faith. They had the “plus factor” – faith, fortitude, and perseverance. Consider these things that they teach us as we open the door to this “hall of faith” and walk through their lives and stories:

1. Abel: _____

2. Enoch: _____

3. Noah: _____

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