

Sermon Notes

The author of Hebrews continues walking us down the “hall of fame of faith” until we stop at the image of Joseph. From his saga, we can note four key things about the nature of faith itself:

1) Recognize that faith is a _____, not a _____.

2) Don't be afraid to _____ some _____.

3) Doubt your _____, not just your _____.

4) Keep going back to _____.

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***The Power of the Plus Factor
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SERMON FOR TODAY:
“Doubting Your Doubts”

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-2; 20-22; 39-40
(The Message Bible)

1-2 The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

20 By an act of faith, Isaac reached into the future as he blessed Jacob and Esau.

21 By an act of faith, Jacob on his deathbed blessed each of Joseph's sons in turn, blessing them with God's blessing, not his own—as he bowed worshipfully upon his staff.

22 By an act of faith, Joseph, while dying, prophesied the exodus of Israel, and made arrangements for his own burial.

39-40 Not one of these people, even though their lives of faith were exemplary, got their hands on what was promised. God had a better plan for us: that their faith and our faith would come together to make one completed whole, their lives of faith not complete apart from ours.

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