

Hebrews: The Complete Work of Christ
Ordinary People with Extraordinary Faith
Hebrews 11:1-7

We live in a real world, a world that is governed by natural law. The way we interact with that world is through our five senses: seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching. Our senses in essence connect us to this real world. This real world is governed by natural law that we over time have been able to discover. This real world is marked by dates on a timeline. This real world communicates in a language that has limits on its vocabulary. This real world is all we know, and we think we know it very well. But is it the only reality that exists?

1. Faith turns a righteous life into a righteous legacy.
2. Faith turns righteous belief into righteous reward.
3. Faith turns righteous fear into righteous action.

As believers, we are extraordinary because of what God has done amid and despite our spiritual dullness. We do not accomplish great things for God to be counted worthy or successful. Our faith allows God to accomplish great things through us so that the world might see glimpses of His glory and taste even small portions of His goodness. God has done something amazing in each of us and because of that we are all extraordinary, and we all have extraordinary potential to be used by God for His purposes.

For further consideration:

How does the end of chapter 10 of Hebrews connect to chapter 11? What does perseverance have to do with faith? How does the author once again teach us how to read the Old Testament? How did the people on the Old Testament look forward to the Messiah and receive salvation from God? How is their faith the same as our faith? How is it different? Thinking about how able still speaks, even though he is dead, what would be said about you in your eulogy? How does this passage help us see that faith and reason are not opposed to one another but work in concert together to help give us a more complete understanding of our purpose? What is the ultimate reason that Christians accept the existence of God? How does this world interfere with our faith in God and His future promises?