



Join us this summer in our new sermon series, *Hero!* We'll explore Hebrews 11 and the amazing stories of seven Old Testament heroes of the faith. These stories all point to Jesus as the true Hero and will encourage us to persevere in our faith today. This Bible reading plan accompanies the series, with the ultimate goal being to push us deeper into scripture while highlighting the story of redemption found throughout it.

**Week 1:** This week, the primary focus is the fact that the sacrifice of Abel points us to Jesus as the basis for our hope. In Hebrews 12:24, the author talks about how Jesus's blood speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. This serves to highlight how Jesus's death and resurrection is a final answer to sin.

- 7/1/2019 Heb. 11:4; Gen 4:1-16
- 7/2/2019 Gen 4:10; Heb. 11:4, Heb. 12:23-24, Heb. 8
- 7/3/2019 Heb. 11
- 7/4/2019 Gen. 4:10; Heb. 11:4, Heb. 12:23-24, Rom. 10
- 7/5/2019 Gen. 4:10; Heb. 11:4, Heb. 12:23-24, Rom. 11
- 7/6/2019 Heb. 11:4; Gen. 4:1-16
- 7/7/2019 Corporate Worship

**Week 2:** This week focuses on the story of Rahab. She did not have experience with God or with the Hebrew faith, but saw what the Lord had done in the past and believed because of this. Because of her faith, she necessarily took action and hid the spies. We can have faith because of what the Lord has done in the past (Psalm 77). Rahab's story also points out how faith in the Lord must also inspire action (James 2) and growth (Hebrews 6).

- 7/8/2019 Heb. 11:30-31; Joshua 2
- 7/9/2019 Josh 2:8-16; Psalm 77
- 7/10/2019 Heb. 11
- 7/11/2019 Josh 2:8-16; James 2:14-16
- 7/12/2019 Joshua 2:8-16; Heb. 6
- 7/13/2019 Heb. 11:30-31; Joshua 2
- 7/14/2019 Corporate Worship

**Week 3:** In the beginning of the story of Gideon, we are able to see him lamenting to the Lord, something that is often pictured in the Psalms (Psalm 44). He is then clothed with the Spirit (Ephesians 6). The defeat of Midian (Judges 7 & 8) points to the faithfulness of God and his eventual saving work through Christ, the founder and perfecter of our faith (Isaiah 25 & 51, 1 Cor. 15).

- 7/15/2019 Heb. 11:32; Judges 6-8
- 7/16/2019 Judges 6; Psalm 44; Eph. 6:10-20
- 7/17/2019 Heb. 11
- 7/18/2019 Judges 7; Isaiah 51
- 7/19/2019 Judges 8; 1 Cor. 15: 55-56; Isaiah 25
- 7/20/2019 Heb. 11:32; Judges 6-8
- 7/21/2019 Corporate Worship

**Week 4:** In the story of Barak, we see that he had faith to do what was commanded of him (Judges 4 & 5). Even though his achievements were great, the author of Hebrews still points out that he did not receive what was promised. Only through Jesus and the New Covenant (Hebrews 8) is our faith perfected (Hebrews 11 & 12). In this way, the story points directly to the Gospel (Romans 10).

- 7/22/2019 Heb. 11:32; Judges 4-5
- 7/23/2019 Heb. 11:32-40; Heb. 12:1-29
- 7/24/2019 Heb. 11
- 7/25/2019 Judges 4; Heb. 11:39-40; Heb. 8
- 7/26/2019 Judges 5; Heb. 11:39-40; Rom 10:1-13
- 7/27/2019 Heb. 11:32; Judges 4-5
- 7/28/2019 Corporate Worship

**Week 5:** The theme of this week is similar to that of last. Even though Jephthah did mighty things, he still “did not receive what was promised” (Hebrews 11:39-40). Jephthah returned in faith to carry out the Lord’s deliverance of the Israelites. Deliverance is a theme found throughout scripture which is evident is Psalm 31. Just like the story of Barak and the rest of these heroes, their story ultimately points to the need for redemption through Christ.

7/29/2019 Heb. 11:32; Judges 11:1-12:7

7/30/2019 Heb. 11:32-12:29

7/31/2019 Heb. 11

8/1/2019 Judges 11:1-28; Psalm 31

8/2/2019 Judges 11:28-12:7; Heb. 11:39-40; Heb. 9

8/3/2019 Heb. 11:32; Judges 11:1-12:7

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**Week 6:** Context is essential to understanding Samuel’s whole story which is found in 1 Samuel chapters 3-7. Samuel was faithful to follow the Lord’s call on his life, which is mirrored in the story of Isaiah (Isaiah 6). In this story, the Ark of the Covenant is not returned because of human efforts, but because of God’ power, which is the focus of Psalm 91. In this story, the Israelites fell to temptation, but later in scripture we see Jesus standing firm in the face of Satan himself. Samuel’s story is yet another place that we can clearly see that Jesus is the perfecter of our faith.

8/5/2019 Heb. 11:32; 1 Sam. 7:3-17

8/6/2019 1 Sam. 3-4; Isaiah 6

8/7/2019 Heb. 11

8/8/2019 1 Sam. 5-6, Psalm 91

8/9/2019 1 Sam. 7, Matthew 4: 1-11

8/10/2019 Heb. 11:32; 1 Sam. 7:3-17

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**Week 7:** The story of Daniel, like those of the rest of these heroes, is one characterized by faithfulness. He was faithful to the Living God, an attribute that is the theme of Psalm 84 and Hebrews 3. He was able to have this faith because of his foundation (1 Corinthians 3) and his ultimate trust in the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2).

8/12/2019 Heb. 11:33; Daniel 6

8/13/2019 Heb. 3, Psalm 84

8/14/2019 Heb. 11

8/15/2019 Daniel 6:20-23; 1 Cor. 2:6-16

8/16/2019 Daniel 6:4; 1 Cor. 3:9-4:5

8/17/2019 Heb. 11:33; Daniel 6

8/18/2019 Corporate Worship