

GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

HERO | July 28, 2019 | Hebrews 11:32, Judges 4-5.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." —Hebrews 11:1

FROM THE TEXT

- Read Hebrews 11:32-34 and Judges chapters 4 and 5. Who are the main characters of this story and what roles do they plan? What are some surprising twists in this story and what stands out about them?
- Of all the characters in Judges 4 and 5 Barak is the one mentioned in Hebrews 11:32. Why do you think Barak is singled out amongst the characters? Or to consider it another way, how is he an example of faith in our passage?

FROM THE SERMON

- On Sunday, Pastor Chris walked through Judges 4 for us. Discuss the circumstances of the defeat of Sisera and his iron chariots. Who really earned the victory for the Lord in this story?
- Pastor Chris shared three things we can learn about faith from Barak: faith doesn't have to be
 perfect; faith is expressed in simple obedience; and faith is God-centered, not self-centered. Which
 of these truths is most encouraging to you, and which is most challenging? Why?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- Take a minute for personal prayer and reflection as a group, then share with each other one area
 that you feel the Lord is leading you to take a simple step of faithful obedience. Encourage each
 other with God's word. Determine how to hold each other accountable this week to act out what
 the Lord has pressed on your heart.
- Chris shared a famous quote from the father of modern missions, William Carey, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." What great things do you expect from God? What great things are you attempting for God or what great things could you attempt for God?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for obedient and humble faith. Confess to God that so often your faith in in yourself and not Him. Confess to God how flawed your faith is at times. Praise God that despite our weak faith, He is faithful. Praise God that He is doing great things with flawed and weak people.