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Hebrews 11:1-6

¹ Now faith is the reality of *things* hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the men of old gained approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

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⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. ⁶ And 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 seek Him.

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THE HALL OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:1-40

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Foundational Examples of Faith

1. Creation – foundations of faith

"Why does something exist rather than nothing?"

– Gavin Ortlund

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Foundational Examples of Faith

1. Creation – foundations of faith

- faith enables us to understand that the visible universe was created by something invisible – the word of God
- to live by faith is to live in accord with the word of God rather than conformity to the visible world

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Foundational Examples of Faith

2. Abel – suffering of faith

- God's acceptance of Abel's sacrifice showed that he offered it by faith – the means of his approval
 - *the performance of outward duties of worship not from faith do not please God*
- Abel exemplifies one whose faith leads to suffering without temporal deliverance

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3. Enoch – triumph of faith

- Enoch escaped death because he lived “by faith” in God's power and promises (“walked with God”)
- Enoch anticipates all other triumphs of faith, and ultimate deliverance from death itself (“a better resurrection” v. 35)

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Foundational Examples of Faith

➤ Examples and Anticipation

- Abel and Enoch represent the mixture of suffering and triumph in the life of faith – we trust in ultimate deliverance from death
- They anticipate Christ's experience of the ultimate degree of suffering and triumph – through which our victory is guaranteed (Heb. 12:2-3)

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1...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

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