

MOVING BEYOND THE MONUMENT



4. "THE RISK AND SACRIFICE OF FAITH"

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Sermon Notes

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible...⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:1-6

We Move Beyond the Monument Mindset WHEN WE

CONQUER FEAR BY ACTING IN FAITH THROUGH RISK AND

SACRIFICE, BELIEVING GOD'S REWARDS

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

I. Hebrews 11:7-16

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Faith Sacrifices SECURITY, FAMILIARITY & RESPECT

At the Risk of LONELINESS & DANGER

For the Reward of GOD'S PLEASURE

II. Hebrews 11:17-39

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Faith Sacrifices CERTAINTY & SUCCESS

At the Risk of BEING SEEN AS A FAILURE

For the Reward of BLESSINGS FOR GENERATIONS