

"Back to the Future" – Future Faith

Introduction - "We live in uncertain times and our all may yet be taken from us." – William Somerset Maugham

1. What is faith? (Heb 11:1,6)

2. People of faith (Part 1) (11:2-12)
 - Men of old
 - Abel
 - Enoch
 - Noah

 - Abraham

 - Sarah

3. Living for the future (Part 1) (11:13-16)

4. People of faith (Part 2) (11:17-38)
 - Isaac
 - Jacob
 - Joseph
 - Moses

 - Joshua
 - Rahab

 - Many others (Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets)

5. Living for the future (Part 2) (11:39-40)

6. Conclusion

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the things in your life that are uncertain and have caused you fear or anxiety?
2. What are the things in your life about which you are most certain?
3. What are some examples of things that you believe even though you cannot see them?
4. What was the main promise given to Abraham by God?
 - a. What was the significance of that promise for him and for everyone who has come after him?
 - b. How did this promise affect Isaac, Jacob, Joseph & Moses?
5. Is the discipline of reading the Bible and praying to God a demonstration of faith? Why or why not?
6. What are some important things that God has promised to you about your future?
7. In what ways does your belief about the future affect the way that you live? (Consider 1 John 2:15-17)
8. In what ways does a lack of understanding of or attention to God's future promises cause us to struggle with living a life of faith?
9. Has God promised that, in this life, you will know everything that is going to happen in the future?
 - a. Has God promised that you will understand the reason for everything that happens to you in this life?
 - b. What is the significance of these questions in the context of a discussion on faith?