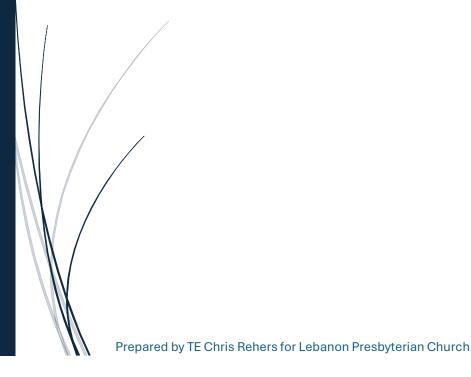
Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

21 Day Bible Devotional Hebrews 11 – Faith

Learning to Read the Bible Series



Jesus said, "For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me." John 5:46

A Bible Devotional designed to help you practice reading the Bible historical redemptively. Begin to interpret the Old Testament (**OT**) comparatively with the New Testament (**NT**). As you do, may you see Jesus, so that you may fix your eyes upon Him.

Each day you will engage with a reading method called RCI, Read – Compare – Interpret. Daily read an OT passage and a related NT passage, compare the OT in light of the NT passage, and interpret. How does the NT affect your understanding of the OT passage?

What is Faith?

OT

"I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." Genesis 26:4–5

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." Genesis 1:1–2

NT

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:1–3

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." Hebrews 11:1–3

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT

Are there other verses that are helpful cross

references to Hebrews 11:1-3?

Able

OT

"And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So, Cain was very angry, and his face fell." Genesis 4:2–5

NT

"By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks." Hebrews 11:4

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does
the NT help you understand the passage?

How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?

Circle any Christological references in the OT

Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:4?

Enoch

OT

"When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus, all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died. When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus, all the days of Enoch were 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." Genesis 5:18–24

NT

"By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken, he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:5–6

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross

references to Hebrews 11:5-6?

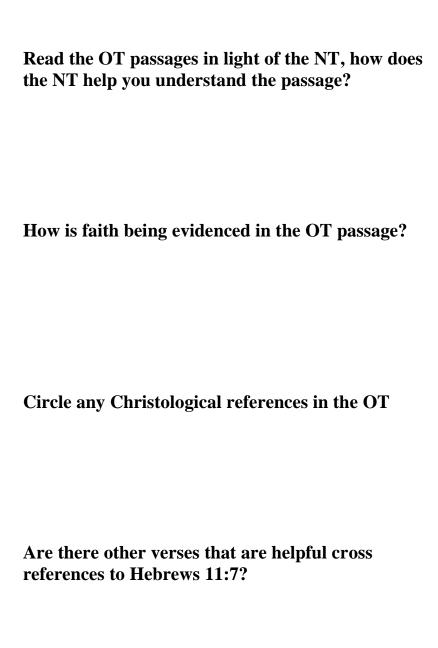
Noah

OT

"The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." Genesis 6:5–8

NT

"By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith." Hebrews 11:7



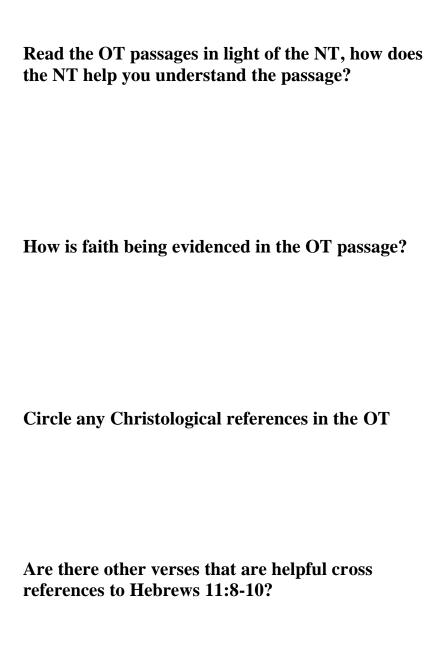
Abraham Part 1

OT

"Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran." Genesis 12:1–4

NT

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God." Hebrews 11:8–10



Abraham Part 2

OT

"After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." Genesis 22:1–2 (1-12)

NT

"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back." Hebrews 11:17–19

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT

Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:17-19?

Heavenly City Part 1

OT

"Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him." Genesis 12:7

NT

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." Revelation 21:1–3

"For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God." Hebrews 11:10

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross

references to Hebrews 11:10?

Heavenly City Part 2

NT

"Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."" Matthew 8:18–20

"For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ," Philippians 3:18–20

"These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city." Hebrews 11:13–16

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How does Philippians 3:18-20 contrast Enemies of the Cross with Citizens of heaven?

Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:13-16?

Sarah

OT

"And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him." Genesis 17:15–19

NT

"By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

Hebrews 11:11–12

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross

references to Hebrews 11:11-12?

Isaac

OT

"So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed!

May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"" Genesis 27:27–29

NT

"Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: "Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high.

By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck."" Genesis 27:39–40

"By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau." Hebrews 11:20

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross

references to Hebrews 11:20?

Jacob

OT

"And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt, but let me lie with my fathers. Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place." He answered, "I will do as you have said." And he said, "Swear to me"; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed." Genesis 47:29–31

NT

"By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff." Hebrews 11:21

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:21?

Joseph

OT

"And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt." Genesis 50:24–26

NT

"By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones." Hebrews 11:22

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:22?

Moses Part 1

OT

""When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live." Exodus 1:16–17

NT

"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict." Hebrews 11:23

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:23?

Moses Part 2

OT

"One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand." Exodus 2:11–12

NT

"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible." Hebrews 11:24–27

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:24-27?

Moses Part 3

OT

"In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD'S Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt." Exodus 12:11–13

NT

"By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them." Hebrews 11:28

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:28?

The People

OT

"Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left." Exodus 14:26–29

NT

"By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned." Hebrews 11:29

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:29?

Rahab

OT

"But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her." So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho." Joshua 6:22–25

NT

"By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies." Hebrews 11:31

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:31?

Of Whom the World was not Worthy

"And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets" Hebrews 11:32

Read one of their stories in the Old Testament then read:

"who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth."

Hebrews 11:33-38

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is faith being evidenced in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:33-38?

Jesus Part One

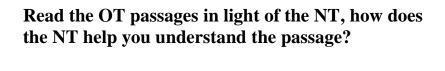
OT

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:3–5

NT

"And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."" Matthew 26:39

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1–2



Circle any Christological references in the OT

Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 12:1-2?

Jesus Part Two

OT

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah... For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.""

Jeremiah 31:31–34

NT

"(for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God." Hebrews 7:19

"For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near." Hebrews 10:1

"And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect." Hebrews 11:39–40

Read the OT passages in light of the NT, how does the NT help you understand the passage?
How is the new covenant being foretold in the OT passage?
Circle any Christological references in the OT
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:39-40?

Faith in Jesus IS what Pleases God

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:6

What pleases God?
According to Hebrews 11:6, faith believes what two things about God?
If faith is well pleasing to God, is he pleased by faith in any god, deity, higher power or man up stairs?
Are there other verses that are helpful cross references to Hebrews 11:6?

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