

Hebrews 11:10 God also gave the believers in the Old (34)
Testament the knowledge that one day all would reside in
the "Kingdom on earth". One that would be ruled by the King
who was that Redeemer/Christ/Savior. We of course know that
to be Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:11 Sarah is counted as righteous because she
believed that God could and would give her a child even though that
was physically impossible. Notice no mention of Sarah laughing at God
and Sarah taking things in her own hands.

Hebrews 11:12 It's simply a statement reminding us that God
loves to make the impossible possible. And when He does so the
outcome is also greater than any one could ever imagine.

Hebrews 11:13 This is a powerful statement telling us that
none of these believers saw the Redeemer/Messiah/Christ,
nor the promised Kingdom. But all, by faith, believed upon
it. You could say they literally bet their life on it! And it
is a repeat of verse 1! God hopes for us all to have the
faith that comes by believing without seeing. Again, to
take Him at His Word without any further proof, knowing
it to be true even when it confounds all logic. (See printout John 20)

Hebrews 11:14-16 These three verses were applicable to Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob in regards to the promised land and are just
as applicable to us regarding our heavenly home. The Scripture
tells us to look forward to our heavenly home and not look back.
We are after all, now that we have been saved by the finished
work of the Cross, only Ambassadors here for our citizenship is
in Heaven.

Hebrews 11:17-20 This is the faith that God is talking about in
these four verses. Notice Abraham had faith that God would
either spare Isaac or resurrect him. * Isaac had faith that God
would also spare his life. The end of the these verses imputes
blessings on the future generations, specifically Jacob (since
Esau gave his blessing/birthright away). - Before we read
the account of Abraham and Isaac, we must understand that
God is an equal opportunity blesser. He hands out blessings

(* Printout Genesis 22:1-19)

in abundance but only to those who have faith. Esau (35)
in this case was not a man of God. Esau forfeited his

blessing, (read Abraham and Isaac's faith in the account of their sacrifice) And then God talking about blessing future generations because of faith (Exodus 20:5-6)

Hebrews 11:21-22 "Notice faith" is referenced "when dying" and "at the end of his life" in both Jacob's and Joseph's life. I believe this points to the recognition that they are being steadfast in faith right to the very last second. Possibly more and more as their years were coming to an end. (Jacob, the royal deceiver that he was, looked forward to what awaited him. He spent no time recalling all his shortcomings. This is a true gift of faith, a byproduct of faith. And Joseph, arguably one of the most faithful figures in endurance of tribulations (Daniel also) only requested that his bones be brought back to Israel; the promised land to come.)

Hebrews 11:23-29 The Moses family: Notice that the Moses family, by faith, knew what God wanted them to do. They all risked their lives on several occasions to fulfill the plan of God. This is because God gave them the strength to do so. They took the first step then followed their heart and watched God work. Alone Moses being found by Pharaoh's daughter but still being weaned by his own mother is amazing! The key: They sought God's will and not "man's" will. "not afraid", "refused to be called", "choosing rather", "by faith he left Egypt", "by faith he kept the passover", "by faith the people crossed the Red Sea"

[Think about it: Every large group of people will freak-out when the Red Sea is in front of them and an army is bearing down on them. That's why people get trampled when trying to escape a building on fire for example. Why not the people of Israel? Because there were many who had a glimmer of faith. So God calmed their minds and they passed through the Red Sea. Our Job: have faith, God's Job: equip us to accomplish that which He has asked of us! Romans 1:17 "For in the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written: "The just shall live by faith."

Hebrews 11:30 The only reason the walls of Jericho (36) fell was because of faith. Think about it a marching band around the city! (Once around day's 1-6, and seven times around on day 7). That can only be successful with an army of believers armed with faith.

Hebrews 11:31 Rehab tells the two spies that she has heard about the God of Israel and how He delivered His people through the Red Sea. So Rehab hid the spies thereby risking, her and her family, being killed if caught lying. Instead, her faith kept her, and her family, from being killed.

Hebrews 11:32 And the list is endless. Right through today it goes on and on. All have fallen short of being in tune with God's plan at times, yet all have been counted as righteous because their (and our) hearts, minds, and souls have continued to try and do right again after being convicted by the Holy Spirit of our short comings.

Hebrews 11:33-34 "By faith" (or their faith): were able to be Daniel's, Shadrack Meshack and Abendignio's, Sampson's, David's etc. etc.

Hebrews 11:35 "Resurrected" should be "brought back to life". The widow's son, Janus' daughter, Lazerus and all others that were revived from death did die again at some point. Jesus was the first to be resurrected and the rest of us will all be resurrected together.

Hebrews 11:36-38 This is speaking to the hundreds of millions who have lost their earthly lives by being Martyr'd for the sake of Jesus Christ & God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit. And just like Fox's Book of Martyrs there is not one account of anyone whining or crying or pleading during their death. Even in death their praising the Lord caused people to turn to the God of the Bible.

Hebrews 11:39-40 Here is what I consider the best part: All saints of all ages will receive their fair glory at the same time! Like in a huge stadium (I like to imagine) God will call all of us up to the podium, present us with His accolades and as He speaks our name the crowd, and angels, will cheer our works in Christ!