Introduction: The movie "Glory" is about the first black regiment in the Union Army. They volunteered to attack a confederate fort. It was a mission of death. The movie showed the bravery of each person as they marched into death. Think about believing in something so strongly that one would be willing to die for the cause. Could I have done what they did? A number of years ago before "Desert Storm" I watched on television as a commander told his men before going into war that technology does not win wars, bombs do not win wars, but ultimately it is the men that win the war.

**I) Hebrews 11 Is About Faith & What Faith Does**

**A) Abel , verse 4**

1. He simply did what God said, **Romans 10.17**

2. Simplest definition of faith is listening to and trusting in God's word.

**B) Enoch -- God took him, Genesis 5.24**

1. Why did God take Enoch? Because he walked with God.

a. To walk with means to live in harmony with God and His word.

b. It implies a close relationship with the one you are walking with.

**C) Noah -- heeded God's warning about the flood.**

1. He believed that God was going to do what He said. Bring on a flood that would kill everyone on the face of the earth.

2. He then did what God said. He followed God's instructions in building the ark in the way God said to build it.

**D) Abraham -- left Ur of Chaldeas.**

1. Ur of Chaldeas was a well developed society. Nice houses and villages.

2. He became a "pilgrim" in living beside the people in a strange land. Described as being homeless.

3. Sarah also had faith, **v. 11**

4. They never went back to their homeland, **v. 14ff**. The roads that took Abraham and Sarah away from Ur could have also taken them back. But they did not go back.

5. Abraham offered Isaac on the altar, **v. 17-19**

**E) Isaac lived by faith as did Jacob**

1. He was on the altar and saw his father's hand with a knife in it and ready to kill him.

2. Jacob also believed in God's promises and the blessings.

**F) Joseph had a hard road to travel**

1. He was betrayed by his brothers, by Potiphar's wife, and still trusted in God.

2. At his death he mentioned returning to Canaan, **Genesis 50.24-25**. He understood that God would fulfill His promise and bring Israel to Canaan.

**G)**  **Moses -- he choose God over Pharaoh, v. 24-25.**

1. He choose -- notice in each individual there was a choice to be made. Moses choose to serve God.

2. He choose to return to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to let the people of God go.

3. He choose to observe the Passover, to lead the children of Israel through the Red Sea.

**H) Jericho and Rahab, v. 30-31**

1. The children of Israel marched around the walls of Jericho one time each day for 6 days and then 7 times on the 7th day. The walls fell down.

2. Rahab choose to side with the children of Israel.

**I) Many more of the Old Testament Hall of Fame of Faith**

1. They faced problems, and were tortured, **vv. 35-37.**

2. But they were victorious.

**II) Qualities of Hall of Fame People**

**A) Brothers and sisters who put Christ first**

1. Epaphroditus risked his own life, **Phil. 2.25**

2. Louis and Eunice taught Timothy the word of God

3. Luther Blackmon who choose to serve God and remain single the rest of his life.

4. Those who go to foreign lands to preach the Gospel.

**B) Lived doing "good works"**

1. Dorcus was a woman of good works, **Acts 9.36**

2. Today those who work as if they are working for the Lord, **Ephesians 6.5-8**

3. Husband/wives who use their home for good works. Lea Gilbert

**C) Stand up for the truth despite the reaction of those around them**

1. Stephen was stoned to death, **Acts 7**

2. Girl from Monticello, Florida, who choose to be baptized and was kicked out of her parents house.

3. People in China who realize having a Bible can cause them to be cast into prison.

4. Young people who dress modestly, speak properly

**D) Those who are concern for the souls of others**

1. Timothy is described as such in **Philippians 2.19-22**

2. Baseball player -- Jay who obeyed the Gospel and then converted many of his team mates.

3. Christians who invite people to services; those who welcome visitors, talk to others.

**E) Those who seek to glorify God**

1. Paul in **Philippians 4.12-14**.

2. Men such as Kelley Ellis in Danville, Kentucky and the surrounding area as he preached and stood for the truth.

Conclusion: Our name may not be in Hebrews 11 but God knows those who are living by faith. We choose to serve God and He knows each and every one of us.