

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is

the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

(ESV)

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being sure of what we hope for  
and certain of what we do not see.

(NIV)

Hebrews 11:23

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.

Exodus 1:22-2:2

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people,  
‘Every son that is born to the Hebrews  
you shall cast into the Nile,  
but you shall let every daughter live.’

Now a man from the house of Levi went  
and took as his wife a Levite woman.  
The woman conceived and bore a son,  
and when she saw that he was a fine child,  
she hid him three months.

Acts 5:29

But Peter and the apostles answered,  
“We must obey God rather than men.”

James 4:17

Whoever knows the right thing to do  
and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Romans 13:6-7

For the same reason you also pay taxes,  
for the authorities are ministers of God,  
attending to this very thing.

Pay to all what is owed to them:  
taxes to whom taxes are owed,  
revenue to whom revenue is owed,  
respect to whom respect is owed,  
honor to whom honor is owed.”

1 Peter 2:17

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood.  
Fear God. Honor the emperor.

# Pharaoh, the Serpent King



Hebrews 11:24-26

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.

Hebrews 11:27-29

By faith he left Egypt,  
not being afraid of the anger of the king,  
for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

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

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea  
as if on dry land, but the Egyptians,  
when they attempted to do the same,  
were drowned.

Hebrews 11:30-31

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down  
after they had been encircled for seven days.

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

Hebrews 11:32-35a

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 – 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.

Hebrews 11:35b-38

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 11:39-40

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 11:1

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the conviction of things not seen.

## 1. Conviction

(privileged vision, able to see the reality  
that mere sight sometimes obscures)

## 2. Confidence

(our lives rooted in a future hope,  
anchored in God's promises)

## 3. Courage

(boldness to endure hardship  
for Jesus' sake)

Hebrews 12:1-2

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.