

# Jesus, Author and Perfecter of Our Faith



Week Eleven

## inTro



Read This Week's Passage:  
Hebrews 11–12:17

### THE RACE OF FAITH

Hebrews 11 and 12 are probably the most-loved chapters of the book. They describe the Christian life as a race in which we all participate and in which all who stay faithful will receive the reward. They also describe the drama of redemption as a race in which people of faith from the past persevered, despite sufferings, but have not yet received the reward.

And that's because the story ends with us as well, not just them. We are the concluding act. The drama culminates with our entering and running the last part of the race, and with Jesus seated at the goal line at the right hand of God. He provides inspiration as well as the ultimate example of how the race is run. He is the ultimate witness that the reward is true and that He is the forerunner who opens the way for us (Heb. 6:19, 20; 10:19–23).

Hebrews 11 explains that faith is confidence in God's promises, even if we cannot see these promises yet. This lesson will explore what faith is and how it is obtained through the examples of the past but, especially and centrally, through the example of Jesus, "the founder and perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:2, ESV).



## inScribe

Write out Hebrews 11–12:17 from the Bible translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Hebrews 12:1–3. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Hebrews 11–12:17. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

Why is it important to recognize that our faith results from and feeds on God’s faithfulness?

How can we learn more to trust in His faithfulness and the promises He has made to us?



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A large grid of dots for writing answers to the questions above.



## inTerpret

After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What are some of the struggles that you have faced because of your faith?



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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

- Hebrews 10:35–39
- Romans 1:16, 17
- Joshua 2:1–11
- Romans 4:17–20
- Revelation 13:10; 14:12
- Philippians 2:5–8



What other verses come to mind in connection with faith?

Review your memorized verse from Hebrews 11–12:17.

A large grid of small dots for writing answers.



Where is Jesus in Hebrews  
11-12:17?



How is Jesus the Author, Founder, Perfecter, and Finisher of your own personal faith?

What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?



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Review the memory verse.  
How does it apply to your  
life this week?



After this week's study of the passage, what are personal applications you are convicted about faith?

What are practical applications about faith you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church?

A large grid of small dots for writing answers.



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## inquire

Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



What is the relationship between faith and understanding?

Why does faith often come before understanding?

If the Greek word *pistis* can mean both "faith" and "faithfulness," why are both important in seeking to understand what living "by faith" means?

How did the people in Hebrews 11 show, by their faithfulness, the reality of their faith?

What role do we play, if any, in receiving and maintaining that gift of faith?

Why is meditating on how God has led our lives in the past so crucial in maintaining our faith and trust in Him now?

Which character stands out to you in the hall of faith and why?