



Commendation

Hebrews 11:2

Enlightened ...

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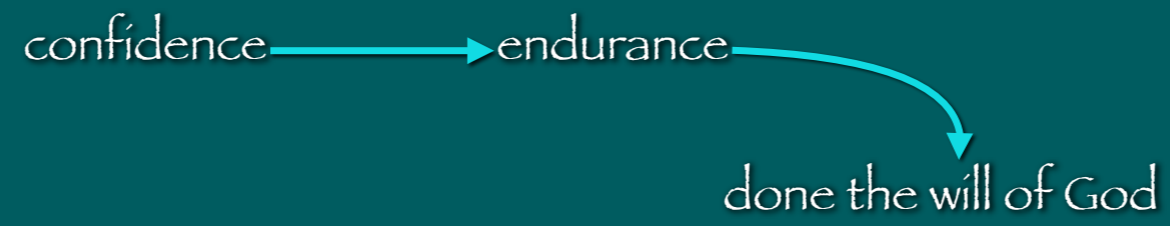
Enlightened ...

→ endured a hard struggle with sufferings

→ you knew that you yourselves had
a better, abiding possession

confidence

confidence → endurance



confidence

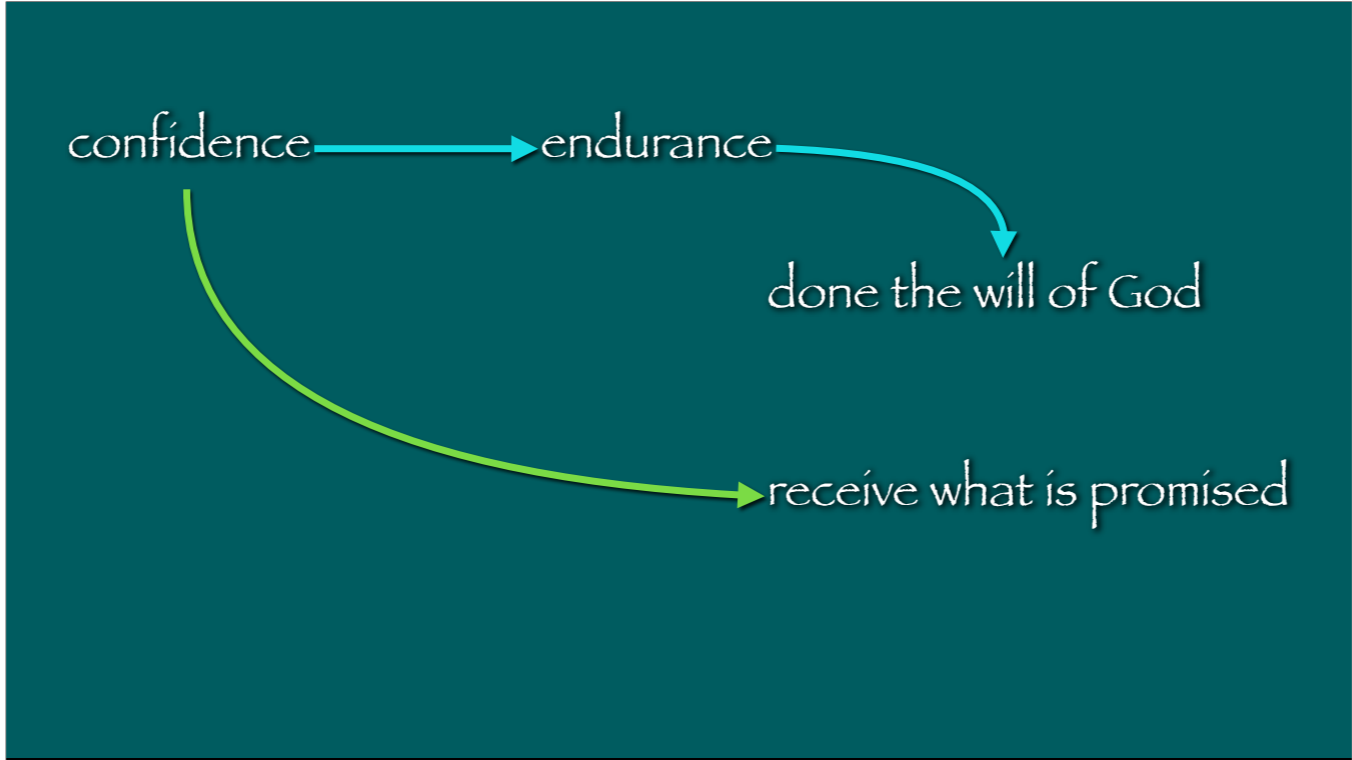


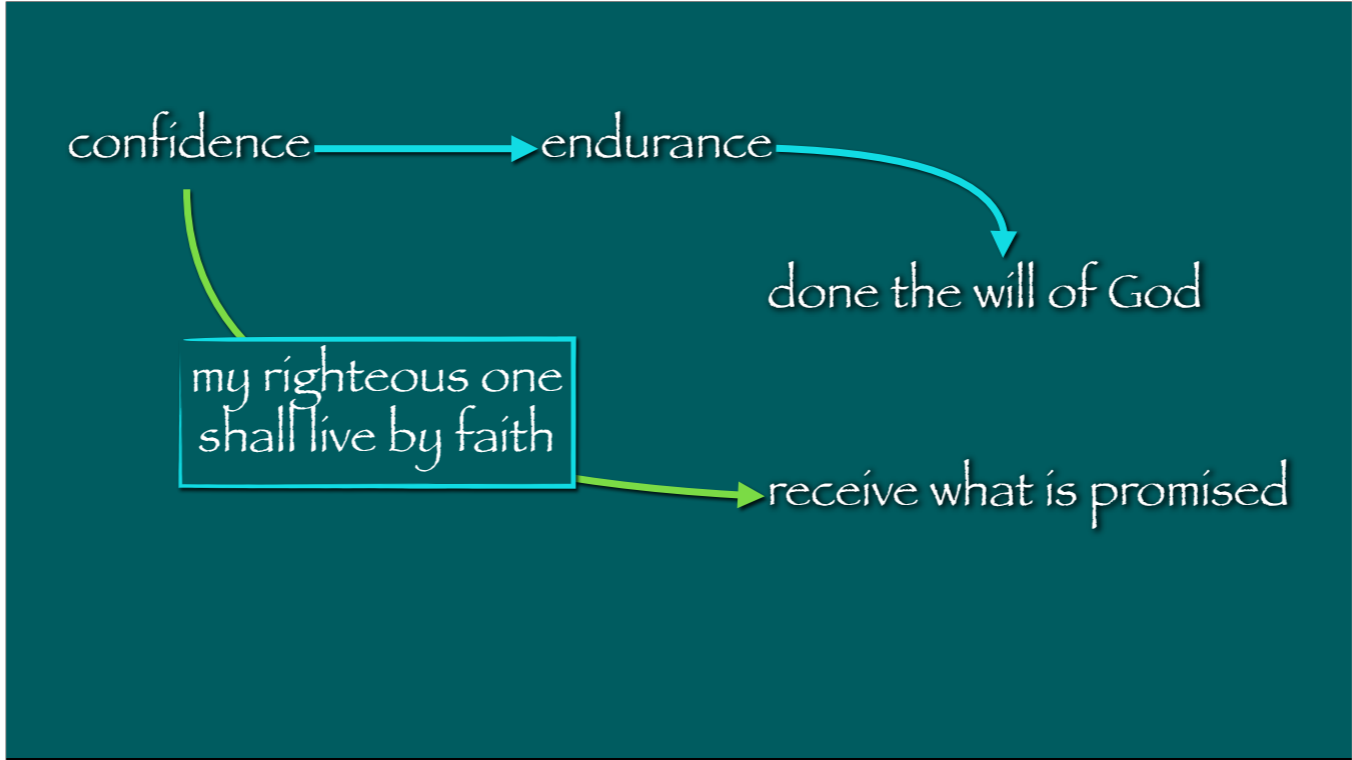
endurance

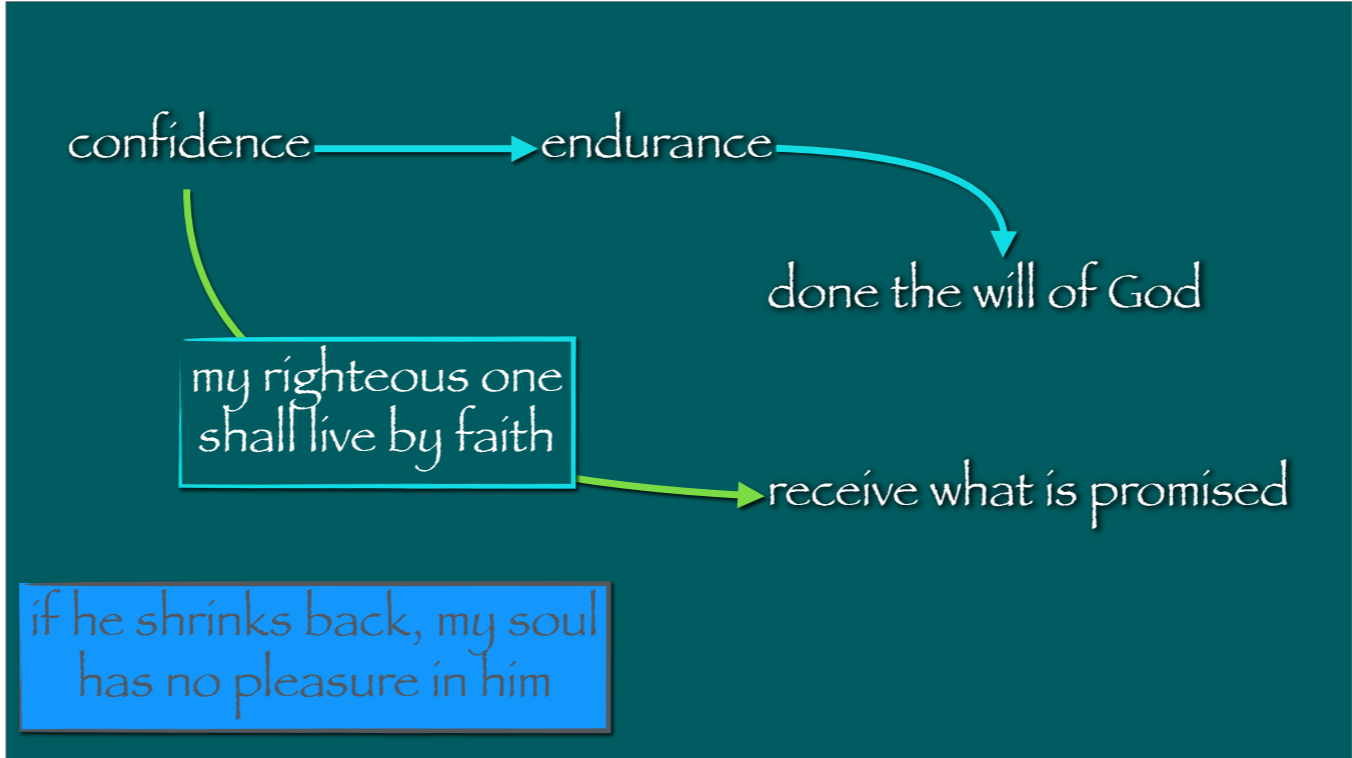


done the will of God

receive what is promised







confidence

→ endurance

done the will of God

my righteous one
shall live by faith

→ receive what is promised

We are ... of those who have FAITH
and preserve their souls.

Now faith is

Hebrews 11:1-2

- Hebrews 11:1-2 (ESV) 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.

Now faith is

✓ the assurance
of things hoped for

Hebrews 11:1-2

- assurance (ESV, ASV, NASB
 - substance (KJV, NKJV)
 - reality (HCSB)
 - being sure (NET, NIV)
 - confidence (YLT)

Now faith is

✓ the assurance
of things hoped for

✓ the conviction
of things not seen

Hebrews 11:1-2

- Conviction (ESV,
 - “a conviction” (ASV, YLT
 - evidence (KJV, NKJV
 - proof (HCSB
 - convinced (NET
 - certain (NIV

Now faith is

✓ the assurance
of things hoped for

✓ the conviction
of things not seen

Hebrews 11:1-2

- This is not the common definition of faith in the world
 - Generally something like “faith is believe in something without proof”
 - Or if you have proof, then it’s not faith
- But when God defines faith it is about assurance and conviction
 - not lack of knowledge
 - rather based on knowledge (10:34 - knew you had a better, abiding possession)
 - And confidence (10:35)

Now faith is

For by it the people of old

✓ the assurance
of things hoped for

✓ the conviction
of things not seen

Hebrews 11:1-2

- 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.

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

Hebrews 11:1-2

- commendation (ESV, NET, NIV
 - witness borne to them (ASV;
 - obtained a good report (KJV;
 - gained approval (NASB;
 - a good testimony (NKJV;
 - won God's approval (HCSB;
 - testified (YLT;
- (CWSB Dictionary)
 - Emphatically, to testify strongly, bear honorable testimony; and pass.,
 - to be well-testified about, to have good witness
 - Generally, to speak well of, applaud

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

Hebrews 11:1-2

- 10:34: A better, abiding possession
- 10:35: a great reward
- 10:38: God finds pleasure in me
- 10:39: Preserve our souls



- My faith leads to God's commendation
- As we read through these examples
 - We are told of their faith!
 - We see them doing God will (and we often emphasize this obedience)
 - Note also God's commendation!

Abel

- 4 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.
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Abel
Enoch

- 5 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.
- 6 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.

Abel

Enoch

Noah

- 7 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.

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

- 17 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,
- 18 of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”
- 19 He considered that
- God was able even to raise him from the dead,
- from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Sarah

- 11 By faith Sarah
- herself received power to conceive,
- even when she was past the age,
- since she considered him faithful who had promised.

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Sarah

Isaac

- 20 By faith Isaac
- invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Sarah

Isaac

Jacob

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

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Sarah

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph

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

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Sarah

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph

Moses

- 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.

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Sarah

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph

Moses

- 24 By faith Moses,
- when he was grown up,
- refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God
- than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.
- 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt,
- for he was looking to the reward.

Abel

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Sarah

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph

Moses

- 27 By faith he left Egypt,
- not being afraid of the anger of the king,
- for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.
- 28 By faith
- he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood,
- so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

Abel

The People

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Sarah

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph

Moses

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

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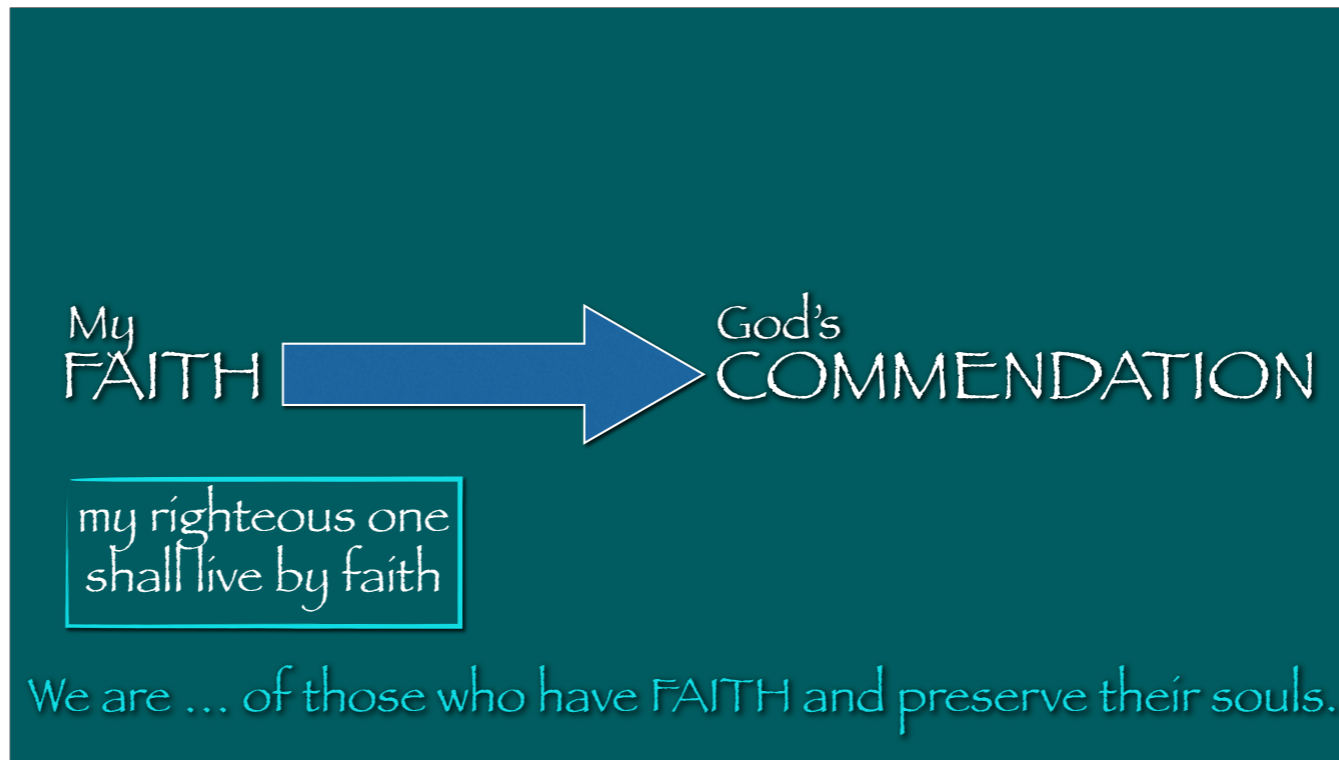
The People

Rahab

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

Abel	The People
Enoch	Rahab
Noah	Gideon
Abraham	Barak
Sarah	Samson
Isaac	Jephthah
Jacob	David
Joseph	Samuel
Moses	The Prophets
	Women

- 32 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— 33 who through faith
- conquered kingdoms,
- enforced justice,
- obtained promises,
- stopped the mouths of lions,
- 34 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.
- 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection.
- Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.
- 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.
- 37 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
- — 38 of whom the world was not worthy—
- wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.



- 10:38: my righteous one shall live by faith
- 10:39: we are of those who have faith and preserve their souls
- 10:36: we have need of endurance! confidence!

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: God commends those who have faith in him.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”