



Sermon Discussion Questions: September 13, 2026

The Experience of Faith

Sermon Series: Running the Race of Faith

Passage: Hebrews 11:17-40

1. When Faith Is Tested

Hebrews 11 shows us that faith is often tested through circumstances where what God asks of us doesn't seem to align with what we would naturally choose. Think about a time when your faith was tested. What did that experience reveal about what you were ultimately trusting in? Did it strengthen your faith in any way?

2. What Are You Looking At?

The sermon asks, "So what are you looking at?" Moses was able to give up status, comfort, and privilege because he saw something better in God. What are some things that are particularly tempting for you to look to for security, significance, identity, or happiness instead of God? How might those things become "your reward"?

3. When Faith Doesn't Make Sense

Abraham couldn't skip ahead and see how God was going to resolve the sacrifice of Isaac. Similarly, we often have to make faithful decisions without knowing how things will turn out. Where do you find it hardest to trust God without knowing the outcome? What would it look like to "grasp hold of Jesus and his promises" in that situation?

4. A Cross-Shaped Life

The sermon argues that the Christian life is both triumph and struggle because Jesus himself experienced both the cross and resurrection. Where have you experienced this tension in your own life—where following Jesus has brought both joy and difficulty? How might viewing your struggles through the cross and resurrection change the way you understand them?

5. Looking to Jesus

The sermon ultimately points us away from trying harder through willpower and toward faith in Jesus: "When you are weak, you look to him and you become like him." What is one area of your life where you are relying primarily on your own strength, wisdom, or willpower? What might it look like this week to throw yourself on Jesus and pray, "Help me. Heal me. Save me. Make me like yourself"?