

What promise(s) do you expect God to fulfill in this life? The next?  
Which matters most to you?

How does thinking of yourself as an alien or nomad in this life help you  
to live more faithfully?

*Finish this sentence ...*

Living by faith in God makes people more \_\_\_\_\_.

#### REFLECT

Do you know anyone who has struggled to have faith in God? What  
makes it so difficult for them? Is there anything from this passage,  
sermon, or study that you think could help them?

#### RESPOND

We're at the end of a decade and facing a new one. What one way do  
you want to see your faith grow in the next few years? What action  
can you take on a regular basis to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and  
grow in this area? Write it down and share it with someone who will  
encourage you in this area.

# The Best is Yet to Come!

The book of Hebrews was written to people like us; recipients of God's  
love and forgiveness, yet still facing trials and tribulations as they lived  
their lives. Many of them not only "got through" those difficulties, but  
thrived and excelled!

#### Hebrews 11 (page 827)

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#### LOOK BACK

#### Philippians 3: 10-14 (page 805)

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*"The only thing we  
learn from history is  
that we never learn  
from history."  
Anonymous*

#### LOOK AROUND

How blessed are we?

#### 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and  
the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those  
in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

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## LOOK AHEAD

### Hebrews 11:1-2

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

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### John 10:10

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

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### Hebrews 11:39-40

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

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### Revelation 21:1-5

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### Hebrews 12:1-3

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Winston Churchill  
“Never, never,  
never give up.”

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## LIFE GROUP STUDY

### RELATE

What’s the longest you’ve stood in line to buy something?

Whose faith encourages you to hang in there when life gets tough?

What principle, insight, idea, or quote was meaningful to you from this week’s sermon?

### READ

Hebrews 11

How does the writer define faith? Read Hebrews 11:1 from a couple of versions. If a friend asked you what faith is, what would you tell them?

Why do you think the author retells all these familiar stories of faith from the Old Testament? What’s his point? What does that suggest about the readers?

What connection does the author make between faith and obedience? How have you experienced this in your life?

Verses 13-16 indicate that the people of faith did not receive everything God promised them before they died. What were they looking forward to that they didn’t receive in this life? Why do you think they could die hopeful rather than disappointed?