



## Great Cloud Of Witnesses – Hebrews 11

### Abel

- “It would condemn my family.”  
Genesis 4:1-9; Hebrews 11:4  
– cf. Paul’s attitude. Romans 9:1-3; 10:1-3  
– Judgment is individual. Romans 14:12

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### Noah

- “Too much work ...” Genesis 6:14-15; Hebrews 11:7  
– What is our purpose? Ecclesiastes 12:13; Luke 17:10

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### Abraham

- “Commandments too hard.” Genesis 12:1ff; 22:1-8; Hebrews 11:8-9, 17

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### Joseph

- “I have been mistreated.” Genesis 37:23-36; 39:7-20; 40:23; 45:5; Hebrews 11:22 (cf. Genesis 50:22ff)

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### Moses

- “Have to leave a good position.”  
Acts 7:22-29; Hebrews 11:24  
– Rulers of the synagogue. John 12:42-43  
– cf. Felix. Acts 24:27

## Run The Race

### Rich Young Ruler

“It costs too much.” Matthew 19:16-22

- Hard to give up possessions. Luke 12:15ff; 1 Timothy 6:7-10; Matthew 16:26

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### Peter

- “I am a sinful man.” Luke 5:8; Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; Acts 15
- Used the keys of the kingdom. Acts 2; 10
- Admonished faithfulness. 2 Peter 1:12; 2 Peter 1:5-11

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### Felix

- “When I have a convenient season ...” Acts 24:25
- Not convenient for Abel, Noah, Abraham, etc. Hebrews 11
- Emphasis on today. Hebrews 3:12-15; 2 Corinthians 6:2

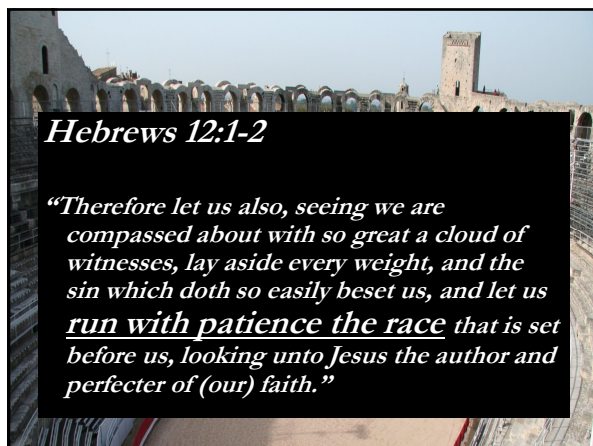
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### Paul

“I would have to change religions.”  
NOTE: Galatians 1:13-14; Philippians 3:5-8

- Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2
- Samaritans. Acts 8
- Cornelius. Acts 10
- The Jailer. Acts 16

} In order to run the race, ALL had to change!



**Hebrews 12:1-2**

*“Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of (our) faith.”*