**“Faith Makes a Difference”**

**Hebrews 11:7-31**

**I. 5 Commonalities of the life of faith**

 **A) Lived During Difficult *Times***

 **B) Experienced Difficult *Trials***

 **C) Overcame Difficult *Opposition***

 **D) Looked Forward Despite Difficult *Obstacles***

 **E) Rewarded for Difficult *Decisions***

**II. 9 Specific Examples of Faith-Filled Believers**

**A) Noah**

Genesis 6:7, 9 Luke 17:27; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5

1) Faith is sometimes a *long process*

 2) Faith affects the people *around you*

 3) Faith is *taking* God at His Word

 4) Faith often invites *ridicule*

 5) Faith has a different *measure* of success

**B) Abraham**

6) Faith doesn’t demand destinations but *trusts* in the journey

7) Faith gladly lives humbly *now* in hope of living large *then*

**C) Sara**

 8) Faith is not a stranger to *doubt*

 9) Faith makes possible what is *unthinkable* to others in same situation

 10) Faith understands *delays* are not *denials*

**D) Abraham**

 11) Faith shines *brightest* when trust is *hardest*

 12) Faith is willing to *slay* anything that *competes* with God

**E) Isaac**

 13) Faith has eyes that see as *heaven* sees

**F) Jacob**

 14) Faith *remembers* the past and believes for the future

**G) Joseph**

 15) Faith believes God’s promises even when *death* overtakes life

**H) Moses**

 16) Faith *trumps* fear, even when torture is a reality

 17) Faith chooses heavenly *reward* over earthly *pleasure*

 18) Faith chooses *Christ* over the best the world can offer

 19) Faith believes the promise sealed in *blood*

 20) Faith ventures into *danger* trusting God’s sustaining power

 21) Faith sometimes seems *absurd*

**I) Rahab**

 22) Faith provides the way for *anyone* to know God