

SERMON SERIES: Hall of Fame
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Key Line My goal should be to increase in faith. And a key question is: Where am I putting my faith?

Ask: Other than God, what things are we tempted to put our faith in? How do we do this? What does it look like, when we're putting our faith in something other than God?

If group members were able to hear the sermon, encourage them to take out their notes to reference during today's discussion.

Seek the Word Today's "Faith Hall of Famer" from Hebrews chapter 11 is Moses. Read verses 23-29.

Have group members review/skim the first fourteen chapters of Exodus for the story of Moses' life up through the crossing of the Red Sea. Each person (or pair) should make a brief list of the key points (eg, the burning bush, the plagues, etc). Then share those answers with the entire group to make one master list. (It doesn't have to be an exhaustive list...just enough to give a good "biographical overview.")

Jason stated that Moses probably didn't have much knowledge of God at the beginning (since he grew up with Egyptians). However, when God told him to do something, by and large he obeyed. And each time he did so, his faith would've increased.

Talk About It Jason gave us three "faith challenges" to help increase our faith.

1) Faith to leave comfort.

Moses left a stable, comfortable life to return to Egypt (chapter 3).

Examples for us: Extreme example: leave the US to be a missionary in an unreached country. A more day-to-day example: getting up 15 minutes early to spend time in God's Word.

Share other examples. They can be from your past, or other people's lives, or things you'd like to see in your own life in the future, or Jason's sermon examples :-).

2) Faith to take a risk.

Ask: How do we see this concept in Moses' life?

Once again, brainstorm a bunch of examples of how this aspect of faith could/should play out in our lives today.

3) Faith to not quit.

Again, how do we see this concept in Moses' life?

And again, brainstorm a bunch of examples of how this aspect of faith could/should play out in our lives today.

Jason stated that, when things get tough as Christ-followers, we're often tempted to give up, and go back to our pre-Christian lifestyle (eg, various addictions and sinful behaviors). Discuss how that might have happened in your personal experience. Then, ask again: how can we increase our faith in these types of situations?

"One minute take-away": Have each group member write one key application point from today's lesson. Then, each person can share with the group (if they're willing).

Bible Reading Plan

Join us as a church family as we read through the Bible. Download the reading plan at calvary.ch/readthebible/ or on the Calvary.ch App.