

Hebrews 11 – Faith Heroes – Faith Measurement

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Hebrews 11

¹Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

Faith

All the description elements of faith are measurable: Substance, Evidence and Testimony are measurable. Therefore, faith is measurable.

Faith is:

Faith is substance, evidence and testimony.

Substance (of things hoped for)

Substance is the measurable present character of things

See “How We Measure Things” below.

Evidence (of things not seen)

Evidence is the measurable factual reporting of things

Like trial evidence, we collect the historical relationships of the substance.

In other words, we collect the facts.

We collect the substance relationships.

See These All (testimony)

Testimony (of elders)

Testimony is a measurable personal business model

A person’s big picture

A person’s present, past and future

A person’s business model

See These All (testimony)

How we measure present: Categories of Character Measurement

Product Advertising

Customer Requirements

See Abel

See Noah
See Moses' Parents
See Sarah

Product Design

Production Requirements
See Noah

Process Input Statistics

Consumption
Count the cost
See Noah

Process Output Statistics

Production
See Noah

Process Networks

Sequence
See Noah
See Joseph (400 year trip)

Process Procedures

Tasks
See Noah

Facility Activity

Facilitation
See Rahab

Facility Address

Location
Time
Speed
Distance
See Abraham

Facility Room

Space
Capacity
See Rahab

Facility Event

Date

See Noah (flood)

Facility Asset

Capability

See Abel (gifts)

How we measure the future: we plan, we organize and we communicate

Plans, organization charts (found in payrolls), and other reports are also measurements.

Plans

For a plan, see Noah

For a plan, see Joseph (bones).

For a plan, see These All

Organization

Rewards

For a reward, see Enoch especially.

See These All (Rewards)

See Moses 2 especially

Promises

For a promise, see Abraham.

See These All (Promises)

Communication

Commands

For a command, see Joseph (bones).

Status

For a status, see Isaac (blessing)

How we measure the past: we report, we analyze and we forecast

The objective of history is confidence or the rates and factors we use to forecast. Analysis is the activity and it is all controlled by the classes and subclasses we find in reports (maps, catalogs, industry statistics, etc.)

Forecast

Prophesy

See Noah

See Abraham

See Sarah

Account (historical reports)

Classification

Types and subtypes

Totals and subtotals

See These All (testimony)

Analysis

Comparison

Rates and Factors

See Moses (reproach)

We

³By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

We believe God's Creation Business Model.

God spoke things into existence, in no time.

God's word is not seen.

See Communication

We do not believe things we see evolved from things we see

In other words, we do not believe in evolution.

We do not believe in billions of years.

See Communication

We believe the things we see are the measurable substance of things not seen

In other words, by faith we believe the worlds were framed (measured and created) by the word of God

See Communication

So, the substance of our faith can be measured (or seen)

That measurement (substance history) is the evidence of things not seen, the word of God

See Communication

Our measurable faith is our testimony for others to see

In other words, our business model is our faith.

See Communication

Abel

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

More excellent sacrifice

His faith was excellent

So, his faith was a measurable witness.
His sacrifice (offering) was his product.
His product measured his faith.

His sacrifice was from his gifts

Because his offering was from his gifts,
His product was measured excellent.
So, his faith was measured excellent.

His faith still speaks

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Enoch

⁵By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, *“and was not found, because God had taken him”*;^o for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Enoch was rewarded because he pleased God.

Enoch’s reward was that God took him away so he did not see death.

Enoch’s testimony (that pleased God) was that he believed God rewards those who diligently seek Him.

Enoch’s faith was measured by his reward

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In other words, our business model is our faith
Enoch’s business model showed that he believed he would be rewarded by God.

Noah

⁷By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Divinely, God warned Noah of things not yet seen

They communicated
God’s warning measured the future

Moved with Godly fear

Noah's fear measured God

Since God created everything he can bring that flood, so I should prepare that ark for my household.

Prepared an Ark, which measured Noah's faith

The Ark was Noah's product

God told him with measurements exactly how to build the Ark

The Ark was Noah's purpose

He was designed for building the Ark before time began

The Ark was Noah's calling

He saved not only his household

That Ark condemned the world

Noah's product condemned the world

Noah preached from his Ark for 100 years

Noah's business model

Noah preached his business model

The world was condemned by Noah's purpose (the Ark and his business model)

Noah became heir of the righteousness of faith (which is according to faith)

Noah lived 500 years after the Flood

Abraham was about two when Noah died

Noah lived 500 years before the Flood with Methuselah, who lived 500 years with Adam, who was created complete and did not have to learn from God.

After the Flood, Noah was father of everyone

Noah brought what he learned from Adam (through Methuselah and others) to his new position

The wine was good, and

Two out of three of his sons respected him

Abraham 1

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith

he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Abraham obeyed his calling, his faith.

Called to receive a place as an inheritance

Abraham's calling was a place (a location/facility measurement)
He went out to that place without knowing where he was going

A place is a type of measurement

From Location we can derive many facility measurements like: time, space, speed, volume, and capacity etc.. These are "dashboard" type measurements.

He dwelt in land of promise as in a foreign country

In tents

He was waiting for the city with foundations

Waiting for city built and made by God

His place was his business model

The object of his prayer and praise
The focus of his communication with God

Sarah

¹¹By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she^o bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

Sarah received strength to conceive seed, her faith.

She bore a child (when she was past the age)

Because she judged God as faithful to his promise

Therefore from one very old man was born:

As many as the stars of the sky
Innumerable as the stars of the sky

So like Abraham's faith, the faith of Sarah was very measurable

The calling was a measurable location

The reward was a measurable product

The product of their marriage

Which continues producing to this day

The reward was also their business model

The City of God includes the People of God
The Lord Expanded their hearts, their vision

These All

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off ^owere assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

These all died not having received their promises

But, having seen them afar off,

Were assured of them,
Embraced them and
Confessed that they were strangers and
Confessed they were pilgrims on the earth.

In other words, they died in faith

They died in their faith measurement

They died in their personal word from God

In other words, they died in their calling

They died in their personal business models

They died living their faith

They seek a homeland

Not the country from which they were called

They could have returned if they had called

Everything happens by the spoken word, both God's calling and our own
We can call ourselves back to the old country

They desire a better country

In other words, they desire a heavenly country

Therefore, God is not ashamed of them

Others associate them with God

Others call (or speak about) that association

That association is their business model

That association is their purpose, designed before time began

Others speak about their business model

That is their testimony

God is not ashamed of their testimony

Testimony is the call of others

Testimony is what others say about your business

Testimony is what others say about God's business seen through you

Your testimony is what others say about your business model

Isaac

²⁰By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

Blessing defined:

In the Encarta Dictionary the first meaning of the word blessing is "God's help".

This blessing is a benediction

Benediction: a formal invocation of the divine blessing upon people or things.

Benedictions invoke God's help

Benedictions are mentioned frequently in the Old Testament—as in the blessing of Isaac

Invoking God's help is a call

Invoke defined: **1. call upon greater power:** to call upon a greater power such as God or a spirit for help

A calling to God, like a calling from God: a blessing.

God asks us to open our hearts so he can change them. If we continue to call him, he continues to call us, to refine our calling.

Jacob

²¹By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

A Blessing is a calling to God

When we invoke his help, we are opening our heart. We are expressing a desire. When he calls us he is refining our heart. He is a gentleman, and He generally does not call us until we call him.

These Callings are Measurements of Faith

Before God can refine our heart, we must give it to him. To do that, we must examine it. In other words, we must measure our heart to be able to give it to God. As we do what we are called to do, we learn. Like confession of sin, God wants us to first tell him our faith. When he refines our heart, he refreshes our faith, our faith measurement, and our business model.

Joseph

²²By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones

His instructions for his return

Abraham's call was to a place. It included the 400 year trip to Egypt, and Joseph was consciously expressing Abraham's call.

His instructions for his return facilitated his change of location.

His faith was measured by a change of location

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Moses 1 (His Parents)

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw *he was* a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

They were not afraid

The beginning of wisdom is the fear of God, not man.

God had promised deliverance through a deliverer.

They hid Moses by faith

By faith in God's promise

He was a beautiful child

Their return to the Holy Land had been promised years before.

A deliverer was promised.

Deliverers are beautiful.

Maybe this beautiful child would lead them.

Measured by Comparison

This is a product measurement, the same type we see in advertising. Imagine that, they were sold on their own product. Their faith was measured by comparison to other children.

Measured by the promise

Besides faith in their own business, the purpose of their own child, they had faith in the business of others like the believers who came before them and the future of the Chosen People of God.

Their faith was measured by the promise, which was the purpose or business of others.

Moses 2 (His Coming of Age)

²⁴By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures ^oin Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

What's in a Name?

Moses' faith was measured by his name.

Names identify

Unique identity

Names can uniquely identify people, places things and events.

Moses was Moses from the beginning

Other people in the Bible (upon discovering their identity) have their name changed.

Names classify

Authority

Besides giving unique identity, names represent God's authority.

God controls all authority.

Moses chose to be under God's authority, rather than to be God's pawn as authority over all people.

Reproach

Opportunity Cost

Moses' faith was measured by reproach. How do we measure reproach? The Bible says we measure reproach by measuring what we give up. In business this type of measurement is called opportunity cost. The treasures of Egypt measured Moses opportunity cost. He valued the life with Christ better than the treasures of Egypt opportunity.

Market Opportunity

Opportunity cost is a market concept.

Once the functional information is organized strategically, markets can be identified by associating products, customer, suppliers and locations.

Functional information can be organized to discover and price opportunity.

Reward

The reward spoken of here is the same promise to which his parents were faithful.
Jesus called it the Kingdom of God.
Paul called it the Cross.
Here in Hebrews it is called Life with Christ.

He chose Life over Death.

Life is a personal business model in Christ and under authority

Both can be measured by modeling power

Death is the other type of personal business

Reward Big Picture uses all measurement types

The reward is a complete model that has all the general measurement types and can be used to drill down to all the specific measurement types reported by the Biblical events (business functions).

Moses 3 (His Exodus)

²⁷By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

He endured by seeing Him who is invisible

Measurable Evidence (of things not seen)

He kept the Passover (the sprinkling)

Measurable Substance (of things hoped for)

By faith he forsook Egypt

Measurable Testimony (faith of Moses (an elder))

Not fearing the wrath of the king

He was not afraid

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God had promised deliverance through a deliverer.
Moses believed he was that deliverer.

They 1

²⁹By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land*, whereas the Egyptians, attempting *to do* so, were drowned.

Egyptians were not called to pass through the Red Sea

The Lord is a man of war

The Holy Bible, New King James Version

Ex. 15:1 through Ex. 15:15 (NKJV)

¹Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying:

- “I will sing to the LORD,
For He has triumphed gloriously!
The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!
² The LORD *is* my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
He *is* my God, and I will praise Him;
My father’s God, and I will exalt Him.
³ The LORD *is* a man of war;
The LORD *is* His name.
⁴ Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;
His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.
⁵ The depths have covered them;
They sank to the bottom like a stone.
⁶ “Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power;
Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.
⁷ And in the greatness of Your excellence
You have overthrown those who rose against You;
You sent forth Your wrath;
It consumed them like stubble.
⁸ And with the blast of Your nostrils
The waters were gathered together;
The floods stood upright like a heap;
The depths congealed in the heart of the sea.
⁹ The enemy said, ‘I will pursue,
I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil;
My desire shall be satisfied on them.
I will draw my sword,
My hand shall destroy them.’
¹⁰ You blew with Your wind,
The sea covered them;
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
¹¹ “Who *is* like You, O LORD, among the gods?
Who *is* like You, glorious in holiness,
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?
¹² You stretched out Your right hand;

- The earth swallowed them.
- ¹³ You in Your mercy have led forth
The people whom You have redeemed;
You have guided *them* in Your strength
To Your holy habitation.
- ¹⁴ “The people will hear *and* be afraid;
Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia.
- ¹⁵ Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed;
- ¹ The mighty men of Moab,
Trembling will take hold of them;
All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away.

Israelites were called to pass through the Red Sea

Abraham’s calling was their calling

They were called to a place.

Moses was their deliverer

They were promised a deliverer.

They 2

³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

Measurable Substance (of things hoped for)

A plan

Measurable Evidence (of things not seen)

Communication

Measurable Testimony (faith of the elders)

Teamwork measurement

How do we measure walls falling down?

We measure future with a plan

A Plan with organization and communication

A Facility or Facilitation type of plan

A plan to facilitate their entry into Jericho

How do we measure the seven days of encircling Jericho?

Facility (facilitation) type measurements

Location, time, distance, and speed

Rehab

³¹By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

How do we measure Rehab's faith?

She survived, she did not perish
She received the spies with peace.
She believed the promises.
She chose life over death.

Gideon, Barack, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the Prophets

³²And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: ³³who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. ³⁵Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, ⁴⁰God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

For the reward of a better resurrection and for a promise they did not receive, they:

Subdued kingdoms
Worked righteousness
Obtained promises
Stopped the mouths of lions
Quenched the violence of fire
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Out of weakness made strong
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They received the testimony of faith, but

They did not receive the promise, and
They were not made perfect apart from us
God has provided something better for us

How do we measure these things?

Plan (for the future)

Communication

Plans
Rewards
Promises
Commands
Status

Present (Character)

Product

Advertising

Faith advertising based on the communicated rewards and promises

Process

Input and Output
Statistics

Facility

Location, time, speed, distance

Past (Prophecy or Promise becomes History)

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