Faith – tested by God/trusting in God

Hebrews 11:17-31

**Introduction:**

* During the course of one’s life/life experiences/education are tests and exams the only valid ways of assessing knowledge and the application of that knowledge?
* Are there better ways of learning, retaining and applying what has been learned?
* Is everyday life devoid of tests and exams?

As with education and everyday life, faith that is genuine will have to have been tested with the result that when we see Jesus, He will receive the praise and glory (1 Pet 1:7). The reason for this is simple. When tested - FAITH THAT IS TRUE TRUSTS GOD.

**Abraham,** his children, grandchildren & great grandchildren – **FAITH THAT WAS TRUE TRUSTED GOD**

1. By faith, Abraham trusted God and was in the act of offering up Isaac – 11:17-19
2. By faith, Isaac & Jacob trusted God and invoked future blessings – 11:20-21
3. By faith, Joseph trusted God’s promises – 11:22

**Moses,** those whom he led and who they impacted – **FAITH THAT WAS TRUE TRUSTED GOD**

1. By faith, Moses’ parents hid Moses – 11:23
2. By faith, Moses trusted God – 11:24-28
3. By faith, others also trusted God – 11:29-31

Faith that is true and trusts God must be integral for every believer, in every successive generation, in every era and in every setting until our Lord returns. To that end, we need to ask ourselves and each other:

1. By faith, what are we willing to give back to Him that from our perspective seems at the core of who we are in Christ and His calling on our lives?
2. By faith, what are we saying in word and deed to our children and grandchildren?
3. By faith, when and how will we choose to disobey the edicts of those who rule over us?
4. By faith, are there any limits to what we will trust God to do in us or through us?

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