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(Hebrews 11:1-35a)

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(Hebrews 11:35b-39)

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- Faith changes the person before it changes the circumstances.
- Faith’s goal is to please God, not to change my circumstances and eliminate my headaches.

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(Hebrews 11:7-21)

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(Hebrews 11:39-40, see also Hebrews 13:5; 12:5b-6)

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