Great Heroes of Faith
Heb. 11:1-40

Introduction:
A. Our heroes reveal something about ourselves.
   1. Admire in others things we want for ourselves.
   2. May reveal our areas of interest: sports, politics, soldiers, etc.
B. A worthy list of heroes — heroes of faith (Heb. 11).
   1. 14 men, 2 women named — many unnamed men and women referred to.
   2. All said to worthy of our admiration and imitation. (Heb. 12:1).
   3. All had three characteristics of faith in common:

Discussion:

II. They Worked for Their Lord.
A. Because they believed in God. (V. 6).
B. Because their faith demanded action (cf. Abraham & Rahab in Jas. 2:20-26)
   1. Each hero’s faith acted (vv. 4, 7, 8, 9, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30).
   2. Each of us must act by faith.
      b. To live right (Heb. 10:38).
      c. To worship and serve the Lord.

III. They Waited for Their Reward.
A. Life of faith is not for immediate reward (vv. 13-16; Heb. 10:36-39).
B. Life of faith requires patience.
   1. Must not give up (Gal. 6:9).
   2. Must not take matters into own hands.
   3. Must not settle of lesser, immediate reward.

IV. They Transcended Their Weaknesses.
A. Many great men and women of faith had weak moments (Abraham, Moses, David, Peter).
B. They rose above their weak moments by:
   1. By repenting and moving on in faith.
   2. By turning to God for forgiveness and strength.
   3. By not allowing weaknesses to become a pattern of life.

Conclusion:
A. Could you possibly be a hero of faith to someone?
B. Do you believe in the Lord? Obey Him? Live for Him?