

Sermon Notes

Where Do We Look When Making Hard Choices?

Hebrews 11:23-31

Intro: Facing decisions?

"Stop, Think, Choose"

Hebrews 11 Recap... **Living by faith means....**

a) ...Trusting God about what we can't see (present & future)
that's what He commends (11:1-7, 11:39)

b) ...Trusting God's promises for a great people in his eternal city
despite current appearances! (11:8-22)

Today

c) ...Trusting God in radical decisions to prioritise Jesus
despite current cost & opposition (11:23-31)

Q1: What does living by Faith involve?

1. Making Radical Costly Decisions in Allegiance to Christ... (11:23-27)

...even when it means saying "no" to:	...and saying "yes" to:
- scary & visibly powerful authorities (23,27) - great reputation & power in world (24) - the fleeting pleasure of sin (25) - the wealth of the world (26)	- Being mistreated with God's people (25) - Facing the kind of insults Christ does (26, cf. 13:13, 10:33)

Q2: How and why does anyone actually choose to act like this?????

2. Because the unseen God and his promised future filled their sight! (11:23-27)

Q3: If the real life of faith is that costly, is it really worth it??

3. Living by faith is ultimately the only safe place to stand (11:28-31)