



### Hebrews 12:1,2

Spiritual growth is not measured by the number of mountaintop experiences we have but by our faithfulness in the valleys. That's where it is measured. Now how do we keep the momentum going through the valleys, when it seems we are losing steam?

The writer of Hebrews tells us to look at the faithfulness of others. Hebrews 11 is full of such examples and they had a few things in common. First, they trusted God even when God told them to do things that were difficult. Abraham left his home. Noah built a boat. Moses confronted Pharaoh. Rahab watched the walls of Jericho crumble around her. It was not always easy but it was well worth the price they had to pay. **Verse 36** tells us that some of these heroes were beaten and flogged and even sawn in two. They were rejected by the world but accepted by God, and the world was not worthy of them.

There was another thing they had in common; they were guaranteed a reward. They did not receive what God had promised them but they knew that God would be true to His word. **Hebrews 11:40** says **"God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."** They did not have the privilege of seeing, first hand, the Savior who would bring us to God but they knew that God was going to be true to his word to save them. Since **Hebrews 11** history has recorded many more men and women who have been faithful and served God to the very end. Their flawed fidelity points us to the One who was faithful to the end. Be encouraged today as you contemplate the faithfulness of others and the benefit of faith in Jesus.