

# WALK BY FAITH



## Facing the Test of Finishing Well

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Hebrews 11:13-22

Someone once said, “God is not so concerned with how fast you run but how far you run.” The real test of your religion is not whether you can live by it, but can you die by it. In Hebrews 11, we find Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph at the end of their lives, looking back and also looking forward. John MacArthur said, “God is glorified when His people leave this world with their flags flying at full mast.”<sup>1</sup>

What makes the dying faith of these men so significant? They passed their faith on to their children. They had received the promises by faith and they passed them on by faith.

### A faith that finishes well:

*Hebrews 11:13-16*

- **Believes** (v. 13) (Hebrews 11:1)
- **Embraces** (v.13)
- **Confesses** (v. 13)
- **Pursues** (v. 14)
- **Desires** (v. 16)

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## A faith that finishes well strives to:

*Hebrews 11:17-22*

- **Leave a legacy of faith**
- **Make an impact with faith.**
- **Encourage a forward focus with faith.**

Romans 14:23 says “whatever is not from faith is sin. ” It is important to start right, but it is imperative to end well. The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit. I want to run all the way with the flame of my torch still lit for Him, don't you?