

Agape Life

Gospel Project Bible Study

July 24, 2022
Hebrews 11-12

The Roll Call of Faith
— Part 2 —

Session in a Sentence

**God approves (accepts)
those who place faith
in Jesus Christ and
He expects no less of us.**

What's the Point?

Point 1: Defining Faith

Hebrews 11:1-2

Point 2: Being Approved Through Faith

Hebrews 11:32-40

Point 3: Enduring in Faith

Hebrews 12:1-2

Roll Call of Faith

v4	Abel	v29	The Israelites
v5	Enoch	v31	Rahab
v7	Noah	v32	Gideon
v8	Abraham		Barak
v11	Sarah		Samson
v20	Isaac		Jephthah
v21	Jacob		David
v22	Joseph		Samuel
v23	Moses		The Prophets

v33-38 **Countless people whose faith
was put to the test in every
way imaginable and
unimaginable.**

Point 1:

Defining Faith Hebrews 11:1-2

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**How do you
define faith?**

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Hebrews 11:1-2

**The substance of things
hoped for.**

**Hope in one hand and
spit in the other and see
which one fills up fastest.**

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Hebrews 11:1-2

**The evidence of things
not seen.**

**They say, “Love is blind.”
Is faith blind?**

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Hebrews 11:1-2

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Point 2:

**Being Approved
Through Faith**

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Hebrews 11:39-40 (TPT)

39 These were the true heroes, commended for their faith, yet they lived in hope without receiving the fullness of what was promised them.

40 But now God has invited us to live in something better than what they had—faith's fullness! This is so that they could be brought to finished perfection alongside of us.

Point 2: Being Approved Through Faith

Hebrews 11:32-40

Suffering of the Apostles

Andrew: Preached Georgia and was crucified in Patrae in Greece.

Bartholomew: Preached in India. Crucified in Georgia.

James, Son of Alphaeus: was stoned and clubbed to death in Jerusalem.

James, Son of Zebedee: beheaded by Herod.

John, Son of Zebedee: Exiled to the Island of Patmos; died a natural death in Ephesus.

Matthew/Levi: Preached and was killed (with an axe) in Ethiopia.

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Suffering of the Apostles

Simon/Peter: Crucified under Nero in Rome

Philip: preached and was executed in Turkey.

**Simon the Zealot: Became Bishop of Jerusalem.
Crucified.**

**Thaddaeus/Judas son of James: Preached in
Mesopotamia. Crucified.**

**Thomas: Missionary in India where he was
killed with a spear.**

**Matthias: (Judas' replacement) Spread the
Gospel into Syria; was stoned and
beheaded.**

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Suffering of the Apostles

Paul shares his suffering in 2 Corinthians 11:23-28

Beaten

Imprisoned

**Flogged excessively to the
point of death**

5 times given 39 lashes

3 times beaten with rods

1 time stoned

3 times shipwrecked

**Many dangerous situations
with perilous rivers,
robbers, foreigners and
friends**

**Deadly peril in the city,
wilderness, sea, and with
spies posing as believers**

**Worked to the point of
exhaustion**

Adrift at sea for 24 hours

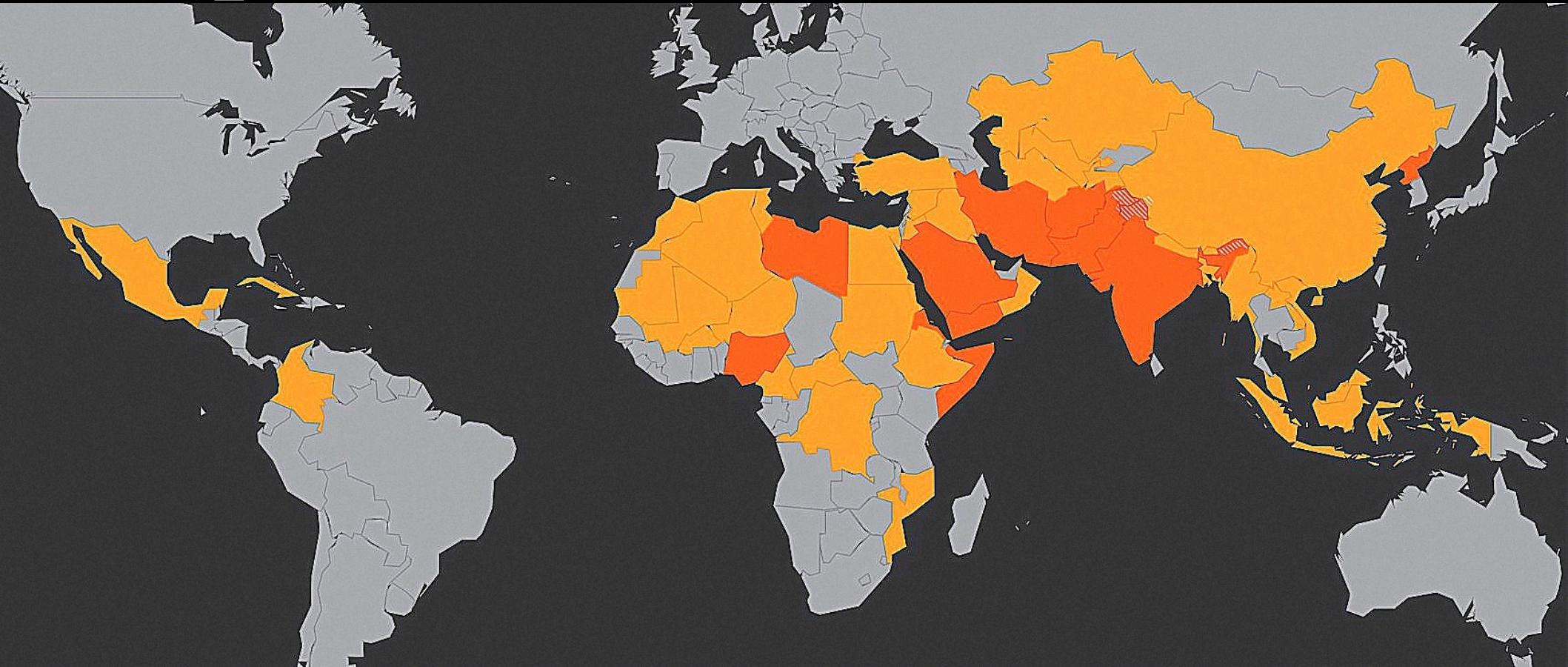
**Frequently deprived of food
and water**

**Left hungry in the cold
without proper clothing**

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Open Doors World Watch List



**The top 50 countries where it is most
difficult to follow Jesus**

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Hebrews 11:32-40

**Is it easier
to remain faithful
in the good times
or in the bad times?**

Point 3:

Enduring in Faith Hebrews 12:1-2

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**ἀγών – *agón* – race
conflict, struggle**

**The “race” was more of an
obstacle course.**

***Agón* is the root word for
the English words
“agony” & “agonize.”**

Point 3: Enduring in Faith Hebrews 12:1-2

What kind of
discipline was
involved in
Troy's
Iron Man
Competition?

What are
Spiritual
Disciplines?



2.4-mile Swim



112-mile Bike Ride



26.2-mile Marathon

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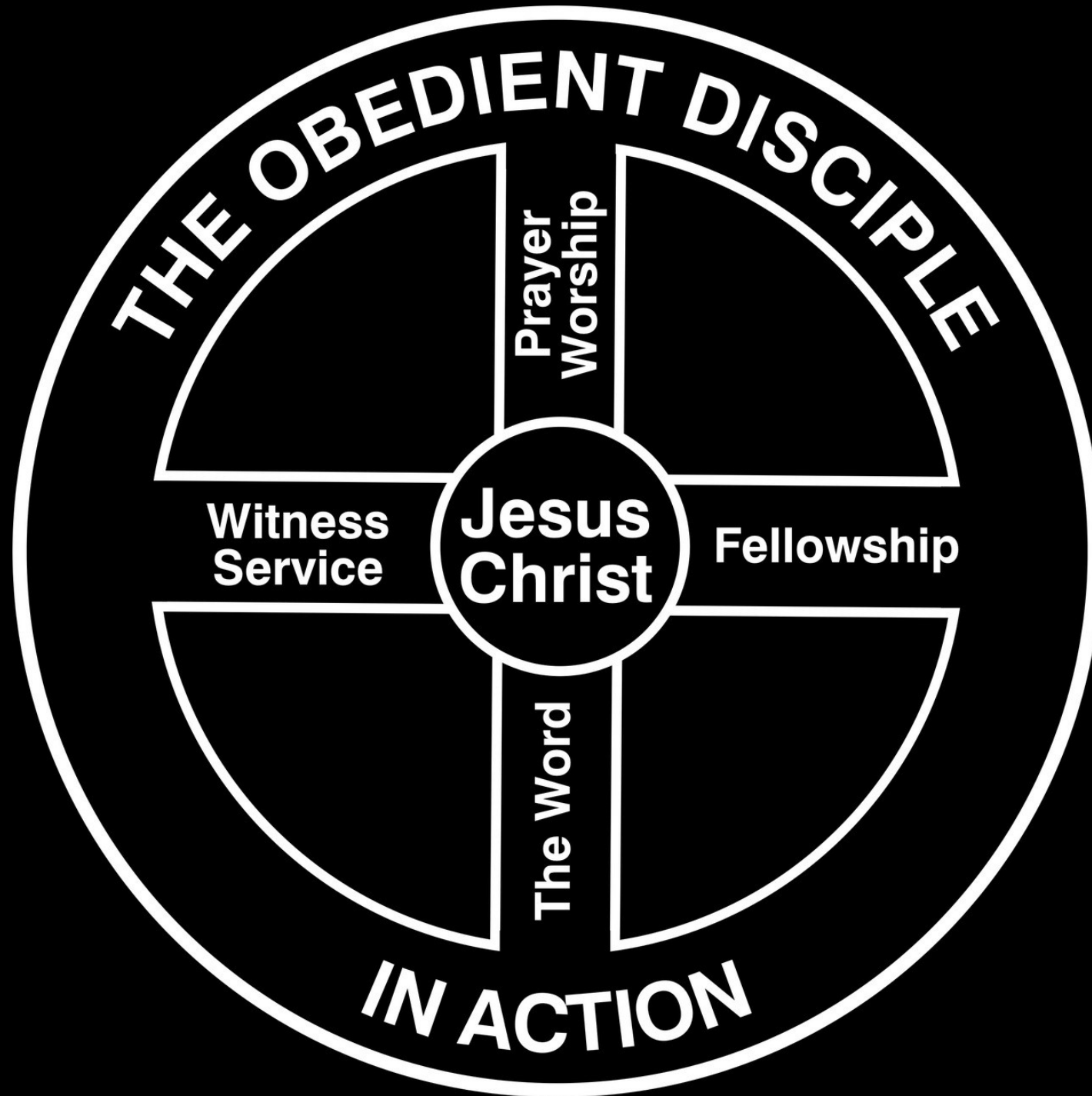
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Spiritual Disciplines

Bible Study
Worship
Prayer
Fellowship
Service
Witnessing
Sabbath

Silence
Fasting
Frugality
Chasity
Sacrifice
Secrecy
Solitude

Point 3: Enduring in Faith Hebrews 12:1-2



How Should We Then Live?

Hebrews 12:1-2

It's our turn to run our race – our obstacle course – the one chosen for us. (Eph. 2:10)

We must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into, and we must run our life's marathon with passion and determination. The path has been already marked out before us. As we run, we must look away from the natural realm and focus our attention *and expectation* onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. (TPT)

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The Church Is Sent to Trust God

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