

EXAMPLES OF THE FAITHFUL

Scripture Gives Many Examples Of Those Included In The Household Of Faith:

1. Noah, a preacher of righteousness; 2 Peter 2:5, was faithful to carefully follow the Lord's instructions in the building of the Ark prior to the flood; Genesis 6:22; 7:16
2. Enoch walked with God for 300 years. He did not see death, was translated by faith, and had the testimony that he pleased God; Genesis 5:22; Hebrews 11:5
3. Abraham, the father of all true believers, left his past behind and embarked on a long journey to follow the Lord; Gen. 12:1-9; Galatians 3:19; Heb. 11:17-19
4. Joseph was sold as a slave, was falsely accused, but remained faithful to God in the prison house. He was brought forth to rule and reign at the appointed time; Gen. 37:25-36; 39:21; 41:41
5. God said that Moses was a faithful servant in all His household; Numbers 12:7
6. Joshua, who became Moses' successor, was faithful to lead God's people. He conquered Canaan and divided the land; Joshua 1:10-18; Joshua chapters 10-19
7. Rahab was faithful to hide the Lord's spies and follow their instructions; she and her family were protected when God's judgment fell on her city; Heb. 11:31
8. Gideon felt unqualified and insignificant, but after the angel of the Lord encouraged him, he raised up an army which conquered the enemy; Judges 6:11-34; 7:15-23; Heb. 11:32
9. The Lord raised up judges to deliver His people out of the hand of their enemies. Barak, Samson and Jephthah were all judges whose faithfulness was recorded for us; Hebrews 11:32
10. Deborah composed a song of deliverance and was a faithful prophetess and judge in Israel; Judges 4:4-14; 5:1-31
11. Ruth was faithful to honor Naomi, her mother-in-law; she followed Naomi's instructions and worked in her appointed place in the field of Boaz; Ruth 2:8-9; Matt. 13:38; John 4:35
12. Hannah was a faithful worshipper who suffered reproach, was falsely accused by her husband, and kept her vow to the Lord; 1 Sam. 1:6-7, 10-28; Eccles. 5:4-5
13. The young Samuel was faithful to speak God's word to Eli, the priest, whose sons were wicked. He was a prophet, a writer, a judge and powerful in prayer; 1 Sam. 3:1-19; Heb. 11:32
14. Josiah, the young king of Judah, was completely faithful to the Lord; 2 Kings 22:2; 23:25
15. David was a shepherd who became king; he was courageous and obedient to the Lord in taking down Goliath, who had brought reproach upon Israel; 1 Sam. 17:4, 26, 49; 2 Sam. 5:1-5
16. Cush, one of king David's servants, ran with the right message at the right time in obedience to his commander; 2 Sam. 18:21-32
17. Zadok was a faithful Old Testament priest, Ezek. 40:46; 44:15-24 in contrast to other priests such as Nadab, Abihu, Hophni and Phinehas, who were disobedient or fell into idolatry; Lev. 10:1-3; 1 Sam. 2:12; 4:11
18. Elijah and Micaiah were faithful prophets of the Lord, who stood alone, against hundreds of false prophets; 1 Kings 18:22-40; 22:6-28
19. Job was steadfast in his faith toward God throughout all of the trials, losses, sickness and accusations that came against him; Job 1:21-22; 2:1-10; 13:15
20. The Proverbs 31 Woman was a virtuous woman, a faithful wife, and is a type of the Bride of Christ; Proverbs 31:10-31
21. Esther submitted to the necessary preparations which led her to become a queen; she prayed, and followed Mordecai's instructions, which spared her people from annihilation; Esther 2:17-18; 7:1-10

22. Jeremiah was faithful to speak the Lord's words; he denounced false prophets, endured incurable pain, isolation, false accusation, and imprisonment; Jer. 15:18; 26:1-15; 29:20-32
23. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not bow to the image, or participate in false worship; they were faithful to the Lord in the face of danger and death; Dan. 3:1-18; 4:9; 6:1-13
24. John the Baptist was a faithful messenger whose ministry was in the wilderness. His message was one of repentance, preparing the people for the Lord's appearing; Luke 3:3-6; Acts 13:24-25
25. Simeon was a devout man who was awaiting the coming of the Messiah. He was obedient to enter the temple at the same time Jesus' parents brought Him in, gave thanks to God and prophesied of that which concerned the Messiah; Luke 2:25-36
26. Anna, a prophetess, served the Lord with fasting and prayers, day and night, in the temple. She, like Simeon, gave thanks to the Lord when she saw the Messiah; Luke 2:36-38.
27. Mary, Martha and Lazarus were siblings, and faithful friends of the Lord Jesus, who showed hospitality to Him; John 11:21-32; 12:1-3
28. A disciple named Ananias had a vision; he was faithful to obey the Lord and minister to Saul of Tarsus (Paul), during a time of great persecution in the early Church; Acts 9:10-18
29. Cornelius was a centurion, a devout man who feared the Lord; he prayed continually to the Lord, gave generously to those in need, and was visited by an angel who confirmed his obedience to God; Acts 10:1-8
30. The disciples at Berea received the Word with "all readiness of mind" and were faithful to examine and search the scriptures daily; Acts 17:10-11; 2 Tim. 2:15
31. The apostle Paul was a chosen vessel, called to be an apostle and was counted faithful, being placed into the ministry of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles; Acts 9:15; Romans 1:1; 15:16
32. Jason, a kinsman and friend of Paul, was faithful to provide shelter and hospitality in his home for Paul; Acts 17:5-9
33. Aquila and Priscilla, a husband and wife, were faithful to house, assist and instruct Paul. Aquila and Paul were friends and fellow tentmakers; Acts 18:3; 26; Rom. 16:3; 2 Tim. 4:19
34. Onesiphorus and Erastus were devout men, commended by Paul for their faithful service to the Lord; Acts 19:22; 2 Tim. 1:16-18; 4:20
35. Silas was a leader and a prophet in the early church; he was Paul's faithful companion in missionary work and in prison, and he also assisted Peter; Acts 15; 16:25-40
36. Onesimus was a slave in Rome when he was converted to the faith by Paul; he was faithful to deliver Paul's letters to the church in Colossae and to Philemon; Col. 4:7-9; Philemon 10-17
37. Epaphroditus was called a brother, a "fellow soldier", a faithful laborer for Christ, who in spite of a serious sickness, helped to provide for Paul's needs; Philippians 2:25-30
38. Timothy was Paul's "son" in the faith; he was devout from his youth, ordained in the ministry and was faithful in his service to the Lord; Phil. 2:22
39. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus and Claudia, were all Roman disciples converted by Paul, and were an encouragement to the other brethren; 2 Timothy 4:21
40. During a time of great persecution, John the apostle, was banished to the Isle of Patmos; he was faithful to record the messages given to him by the Lord Jesus Christ; Rev. 1:9

