

2017-18 BSP#9 Group Time Discussion

I believe in order to understand; I understand and the better I believe (St. Augustine). 我信以求明白；我明白所以信得更好 (聖奧斯定)。

(A) 我們查考以求明白 We Study In Order To Understand(15 minutes)

1. 請看希 11:22. 以色列子民出離埃及的事在若瑟死後大概四百年才發生。但按希伯來人書，他臨終時「提及」這件事。他怎能肯定和「提及」尚未發生的事？(提示：看創 15:13-14，天主給亞巴郎的允許與若瑟臨終的說話有何關係？) 他臨死的囑咐顯示他的信德是怎樣的？

Read Heb 11:22. The Exodus of the Israelites happened about 400 years after Joseph's death. But according to Hebrews, he "spoke of" the event near the end of his life. How did he know and why was he so sure? (Hint: Read Gen 15:13-14. Consider the relationship between God's promise to Abraham and Joseph's words before death.) Given Joseph's words before death, how do you see his faith?

2. 請將 A/B/C/D 和 1/2/3/4 正確砌合：

(A) 杜住獅子的口 (希 11:33); (B) 熄滅烈火的威力 (希 11:34); (C) 有些女人得了她們的死者復活(希 11:35); (D) 被鋸死 (希 11:37)

(1) 不聽拿步高王命令叩拜金像的三青年達(3:13-27) (2) 匝爾法特寡婦 (列上 17:17-24) (3) 達尼爾 (達 6:17-23) (4) 依撒意亞 Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah 5:1-14

Please pair up A/B/C/D and 1/2/3/4 correctly:

(A) closed the mouths of lions (Dan 11:33); (B) put out raging fires (Dan 11:34); (C) Women received back their dead (Dan 11:35); (D) sawed in two (Dan 11:37)

(1) the 3 young men who did not follow Nebuchadnezzar's order to worship the golden image (3:13-27) (2) the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:17-24) (3) Daniel (Dan 6:17-23) (4) Isaiah Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah 5:1-14

(B) 我們明白所以活得更好 We Understand And the Better We Live (10 minutes)

希 11 連串地列舉聖經中英雄人物，發人深省。但這一連串的案例，不是只有舊約時代或寫希伯來人書時才有，同樣例子在往後的年代和現代也繼續著。舉例說，若要仿效希伯來人書，我們可以這樣說：因著信德，波蘭團結工會運動與強行無神主義的蘇聯極權長期對抗而且獲得勝利，導致鐵幕集團倒毀；因著信德，一位不見經傳的芳濟會修女，Mother Angelica，在沒有財政資源境況下，用一個車房作為電視影室，開始了一個全球性的傳媒福傳事工。請用你所認識的，同樣使人驚訝的近代故事，繼續列舉一連串的案例。

The roll call of biblical heroes in Hebrews 11 is inspiring. But it did not end with the Old Testament or when Hebrews was written. It has continued throughout the centuries and into our own times. Imitating Hebrews we might say, for instance: by faith the Solidarity movement in Poland steadfastly resisted Soviet tyranny and state-imposed atheism and won, leading to the fall of the Iron Curtain; by faith an unknown Franciscan sister, Mother Angelica, with no financial resources, founded a television studio in a garage that became a worldwide evangelistic media apostolate. Continue this roll call using amazing contemporary stories that you have come to know.