

# Treasure Hunt

## Heb 11:37-40

- Ben: Why has “the Promise” not yet arrived?
- Nate: How can we get the Lord Jesus to come back sooner?
- What NT writer repeatedly emphasizes the truth behind 11:40?
- What two things are we encouraged to consider in ch. 12?
- Ben: What figure of speech does the writer use in 12:1-2?
- How do the “witnesses” in 12:1 fit into this picture?
- Nate: What is the difference between “weight” and “sins,” in this picture?
- In what sense is our Lord the “author and finisher of faith”?
- For what prize did our Lord contend in his race of faith?
- What should we keep in mind when we are tempted to leave the race?

# Structural Context

11:1-40, Examples of Promise & Faith in the OT

1-3, Characterization

- 1, Its function
- 2, Its focus μαρτυρέω
- 3, Its precedent

4-38, Examples

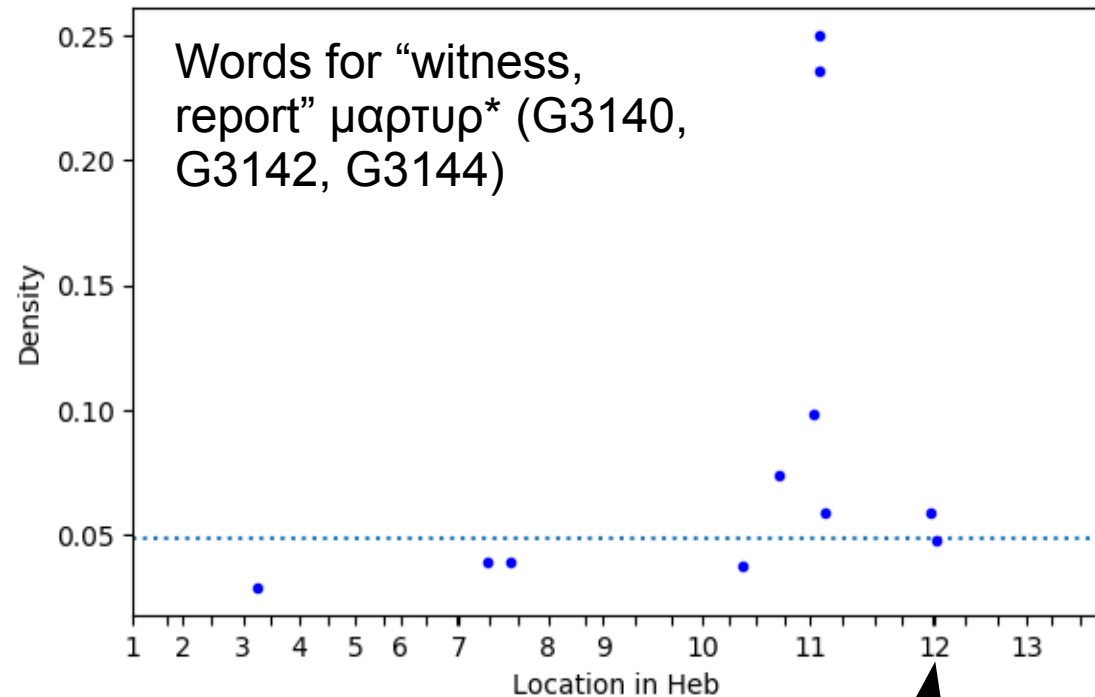
4-31, Levels of Faith

- 4-6, Belief in God
- 7-19, Obedience to God
- 20-22, Confession
- 23-31, Accepting rejection

32-38, Consequences of Faith

- 32, More examples
- 33-34, The Victors
- 35, Transition
- 36-38, The Sufferers

39-40, Summary μαρτυρέω



# References on 11:40

## They are waiting for us

### Some better thing κρείττων G2909

- Our Lord is **better** than the angels (1:4)
- Melchizedek, representing him, is **better** than Abraham (7:7)
- he brings us a **better** hope (7:19)
- He is the surety (7:22) and mediator (8:6) of a **better** covenant ...
- ... mediated by **better** blood (12:24)
- He provides for us a **better** possession (10:34) ...
- ... in our **better**, heavenly country (11:16),
- ... which we enter through a **better** resurrection (11:35).

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, ~~when~~ **in order that** the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

2Pet. 3:3 ... there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? ... 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering** to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2Pet. 3:12 Looking for and ~~hasting~~ **unto hastening the coming** of the day of God,

# Structural Context

10:32-13:19, The Life of the Sons of God

10:32-12:24, Living in the World

10:32-39, Example & Exhortation

- 32-34, Example
- 35-39, Exhortation

11:1-40, Examples (indicative)

12:1-24, Exhortation (imperative)

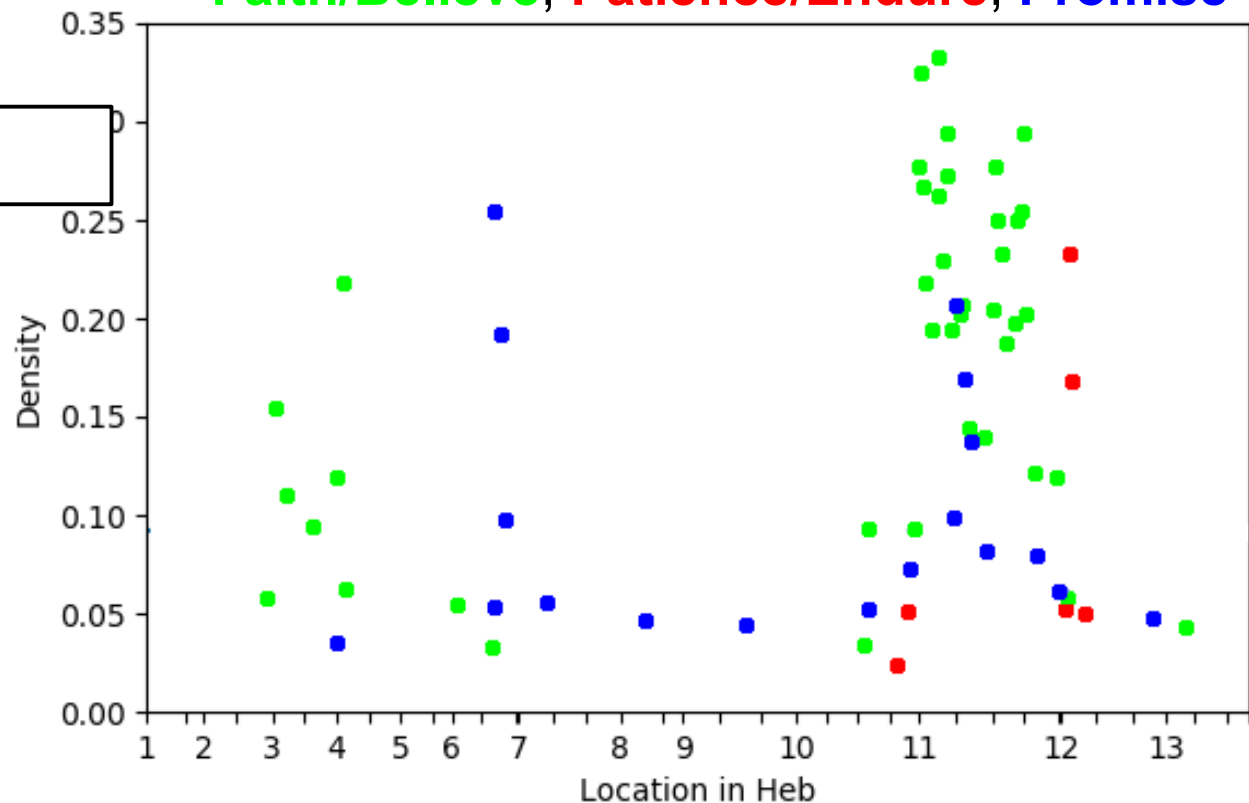
12:25-29, Warning

13:1-19, Living in the Church

12:1-24, Exhortation (imperative)

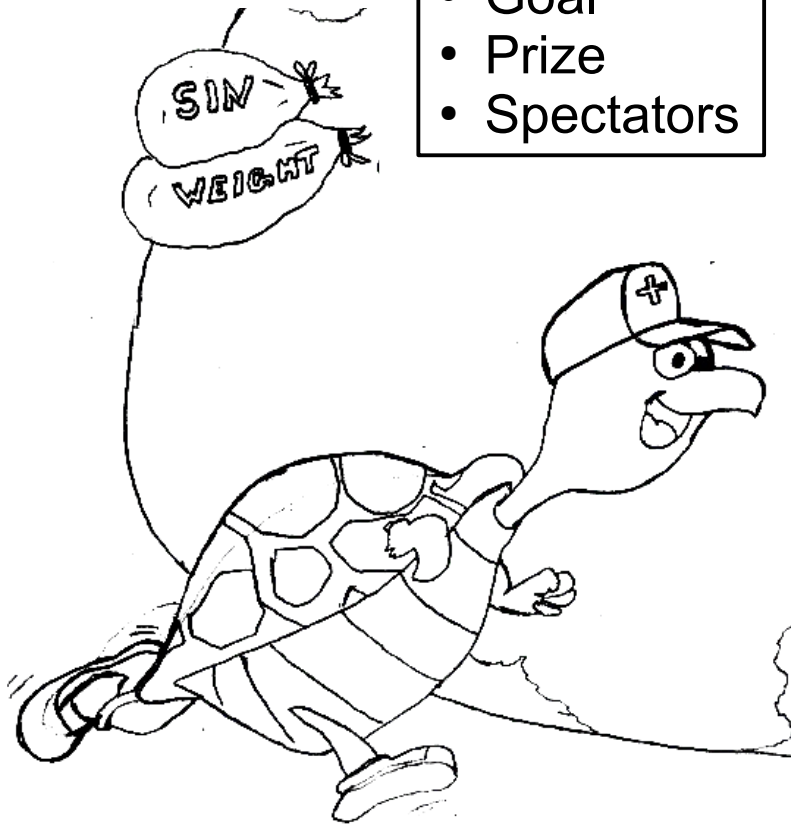
- 1-2, The final witness
- 3-11, Consider Jesus
- 12-24, Consider one another

Faith/Believe, Patience/Endure, Promise



# The Life of Faith as a Footrace

- Discipline
- Rules
- Judge
- Goal
- Prize
- Spectators



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1 Cor 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the **prize**? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is **temperate** in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible **crown**; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

2 Ti 4:7 I have fought a good **fight**, I have **finished** my **course**, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown** of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous **judge**, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2Ti 2:5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive **lawfully**.

Phil. 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting** those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the **mark** for the **prize** of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

# Parallels to 12:2

	12:2	2:9-10	5:8-9
Leader in the experience of faith	Looking unto Jesus the author <b>ἀρχηγός</b> G747	10c to make the captain <b>ἀρχηγός</b> of their salvation	8b yet learned he obedience
One who finished the race	and finisher <b>τελειωτής</b> G5051 of our faith;	10d perfect <b>τελειόω</b> G5048	9a And being made perfect <b>τελειόω</b> ,
His prize	for the joy that was set before him	10b in bringing many sons unto glory,	9b he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;
His suffering	endured the cross, despising the shame,	10e through sufferings.	8c by the things which he suffered;
His exaltation	and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.	9 But we see Jesus, ... for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; ...	

# 12:2 the joy that was set before him

Is. 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Psa. 16:2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; 3 But and [I say this also] to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.