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HEBREWS HALL OF FAITH by Karen Yingling

GENRE: Reader's Theater

SYNOPSIS: A virtual "Hall of Faith" is created as Hebrews chapter 11 is read aloud. As each Old Testament hero is mentioned, participants silently gather on stage. Each one holds a poster displaying their name and faithful deed. The result is a grouping of "Bible Greats" in present day form.

DIRECTOR'S TIPS:

A. Readers should speak their parts with feeling in order to bring the persons mentioned to life. Reader 1 should emphasize the words, "by faith" in the same manner each time to have their rhythm and repetition felt.

B. To create a visual Hall of Faith, make posters for key persons mentioned in the chapter (suggestions follow at the end of the script). The Director should instruct the silent participants to sit grouped together in the order their heroes' names are listed in the chapter. When the chapter is being read and their name is spoken, each participant should carry their poster at chest height, walk to center front, pause while their deeds are being read with poster facing the audience, then move to the designated "Hall of Faith" area. All remain there as a group until the end.

TIME: Approximately 6 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3 readers and 12 silent participants

TOPIC: Faith, Trust, Waiting

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Hebrews 11:1-40

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service

CHARACTERS: Reader 1, Reader 2, Reader 3

Heroes: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Issac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses's mother, Moses, Israelites, Rahab

PROPS: 3 music stands for readers

Character posters 22" x 28." Ex. Enoch, Pleased God, Noah, Built an ark, etc.

If available, small risers would allow the group to stand in a tiered effect.

COSTUMES: Contemporary casual

SOUND: Three wireless mics.

LIGHTING: General stage. Possibly a spotlight highlighting "Hall of Faith" area.

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READER 1: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,

READER 2: the evidence of things not seen

READER 3: For by it the elders obtained a good report.

READER 1: Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,

READER 2: so that things which are seen

READER 3: were not made of things which do appear.

READER 1: By faith

READER 2: Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous,

READER 3: God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

READER 1: By faith

READER 2: Enoch was translated that he did not see death;

READER 3: and was not found, because God had translated him:

READER 2: for before his translation he had this testimony,

READER 3: that he pleased God.

READER 1: But without faith it is impossible to please him:

READER 2: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is,

READER 3: and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

READER 1: By faith

READER 2: Noah, being warned of God of things not seen of yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house;

READER 3: by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.