

STUDENT OPINION

Are You Optimistic About the Future?

A new global survey shows that many say children today will be less economically successful than their parents. Are you surprised?

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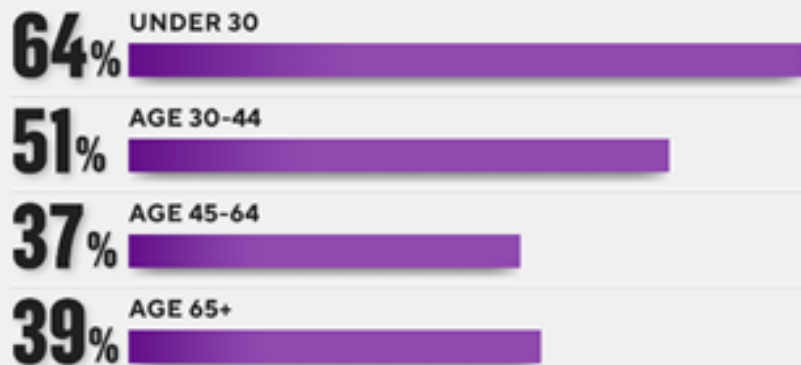
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2024 LOOK AHEAD: HOPEFULNESS BY AGE

PERCENT WHO SAY THEY'RE HOPEFUL



Clockwise from top left, Victor Paganotto Carvalho Freitas of Brazil; Lorraine Nduta of Kenya; Angela Bahamonde Ahijado of Spain; Landen Otaka of Hawaii; Makeila Ward of Nevada; Valeriia Drabych of Ukraine; and Md. Rafaiat Ullah of Bangladesh.

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14 reasons young people are hopeful about the future





(1940-2020)

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DO NOT GET LOST IN A SEA OF DESPAIR. BE HOPEFUL, BE OPTIMISTIC. OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT THE STRUGGLE OF A DAY, A WEEK, A MONTH, OR A YEAR, IT IS THE STRUGGLE OF A LIFETIME. NEVER, EVER BE AFRAID TO MAKE SOME NOISE AND GET IN GOOD TROUBLE, NECESSARY TROUBLE.

– JOHN LEWIS

HEBREWS

JESUS IS BETTER

Faith Matters



1. *The Son Superior to Angels*
2. *The Gospel Greater than the Law*
3. *Melchizedek to All*
4. *A Call to Persevere*
5. *Surrounded by a Cloud of Witnesses*
6. *Keep on Loving*

Shaped by His Son: Reading Hebrews

Hebrews 11:32-12:3

What Makes the Impossible Possible?

**by
Faith**

HEBREWS 11

Full Faith

HEBREWS 11:32-40

Abel Enoch
Noah Abraham
Isaac Sarah
Jacob
Joseph Moses
Gideon
Perak Samson
Jephthan David
Samuel

Hebrews 11:32-12:3

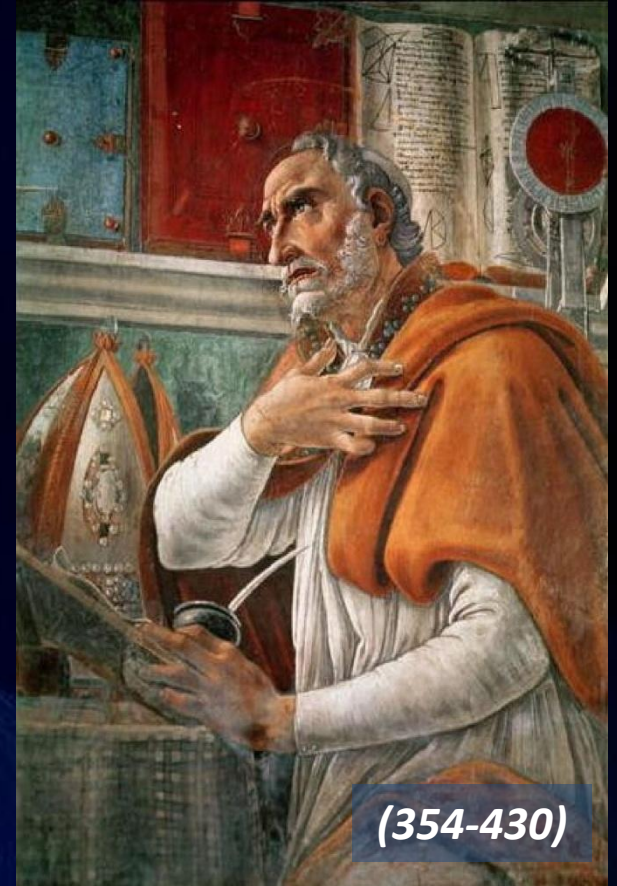
The Most Effective Driver for Success

"FAITH IS TO
BELIEVE WHAT YOU
DO NOT SEE; THE
REWARD OF THIS
FAITH IS TO SEE
WHAT YOU BELIEVE"

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*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see."*

Hebrews 11:1



(354-430)

Hebrews 11:32-12:3

Nothing is Greater than Faith

...who by faith ...
conquered kingdoms,
performed acts of righteousness,
obtained promises,
shut the mouths of lions,
quenched the power of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword,
from weakness were made strong,
became mighty in war,
put foreign armies to flight.
Women received back their dead
by resurrection...
Hebrews 11:33-35



Hebrews 11:32-12:3

Faith Brings forth Hope



1. And what more shall we say? Through faith everyone gains what is promised.

“Shaped by His Son”

Part 5. Surrounded by Such a Cloud of Witnesses

1. *And what more shall we say? Through faith everyone gains what is promised.*

Gideon (Judges 6-9)

Barak (Judges 4-5)

Samson (Judges 13-16)

Jephthah (Judges 11-12)

David (1 Samuel)

Samuel, and

The Prophets, who

*conquered kingdoms,
administered justice, and
gained what was promised;*

*who
shut the mouths of lions,
quenched the fury of the
flames, and escaped the edge
of the sword;*

The Lord said to Gideon,
“With the three hundred men that lapped
I will save you
and give the Midianites into your hands.
Let all the others go home.”
Judges 7:7 NIV

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Part 5. Surrounded by Such a Cloud of Witnesses

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God showed how much He
His one and only Son i
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This is how God showed *his love* among us: *He sent his one and only Son* into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

God sent Jesus

"For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh"
– Romans 8:3; NIV

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Responding
to
God's
Love



“Shaped by His Son”

Part 5. Surrounded by Such a Cloud of Witnesses

1. And what more shall we say? Through faith everyone gains what is promised.

2. Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

“Shaped by His Son”

Part 5. Surrounded by Such a Cloud of Witnesses

2. Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.



**since God had planned
something better
for us so that only
together with us
would they be made perfect.**

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Hebrews 11:40 NIV

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Part 5. Surrounded by Such a Cloud of Witnesses

2. Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

Genesis 4: 6-7

⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."



“Shaped by His Son”

Part 5. Surrounded by Such a Cloud of Witnesses

2. Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck.

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.

If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

(Mark 9:42-48)

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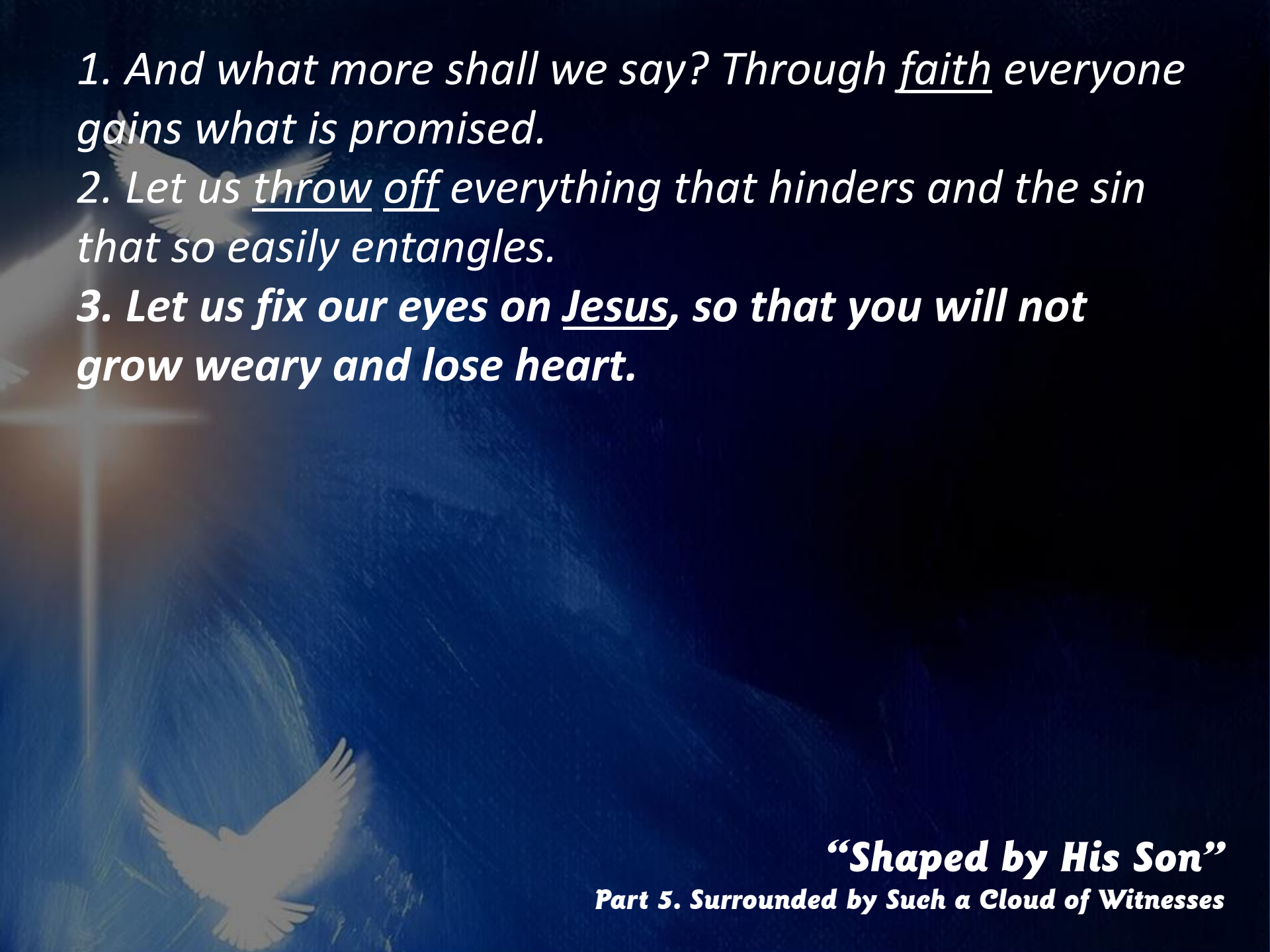
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Part 5. Surrounded by Such a Cloud of Witnesses

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1. And what more shall we say? Through faith everyone gains what is promised.
2. Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.
3. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.


“Shaped by His Son”

Part 5. Surrounded by Such a Cloud of Witnesses

3. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



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JESUS



THEN JESUS SAID,

"COME TO ME,

all of you who are weary

& CARRY HEAVY BURDENS,

AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST."

MATTHEW 11:28

"Shaped by His Son"

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Jesus Eats with Sinners

When Jesus was at dinner in his house, a number of tax collectors and sinners were also sitting at the table with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many of them among his followers.

When the scribes of the Pharisee party saw him eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?' When Jesus heard this he said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick. I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners.'

Mark 2:15-17



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