

The image shows the interior of a Gothic cathedral, characterized by its high, vaulted stone arches and ribbed ceiling. The stone is aged and textured. A semi-transparent shield-shaped overlay is centered in the frame, containing the text "Heroes of the FAITH".

Heroes of the
FAITH

John Wesley

1703 – 1791

- Brother Charles Wesley
- Mother Susanna Wesley



Heroes of the
FAITH

“Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.”

- 1 Cor. 9:24-27(NLT)

Heroes of the
FAITH

1703 – John Wesley is born in Epworth, England (Charles b. 1707). John and Charles are the two most famous sons of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. Samuel was an Anglican minister. Susanna was the administer of a home with 19 children.



“Would you judge of the lawfulness or unlawfulness of pleasure, of the innocence or malignity of actions—take this rule: whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind; that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself.”

- Susanna Wesley

Heroes of the
FAITH

Age 6 – In a parsonage fire, John is “...*plucked from the flames.*”

Age 17 – John attends Oxford. Charles attends six years later.

Age 28 – John returns to Oxford to teach and lead the “Holy Club.”

Age 35 – John & Charles sail to Georgia as missionaries.



“I went to America, to convert the Indians; but oh! Who shall convert me? Who, what is he that will deliver me from this evil heart of mischief? I have a fair summer religion. I can talk well; nay, and believe myself, while no danger is near.”

- The Journal of John Wesley



Age 36 – John & Charles have conversion experiences.

“In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death...I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart.”

- The Journal of John Wesley



Age 37 – John & Charles invited by Whitfield to “open air preach.”
Age 38 – John & Charles take the church to the people.
Age 43 – The first Methodist Conference takes place.
Age 48 – John marries but is separated seven years later.
Age 80 – The Methodists break with the Anglican Church.
Age 85 – John Wesley dies in London.



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1. Small Groups
2. Personal Discipline
in Holiness
3. Taking the Church to
the people



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