

Living or Dying BY FAITH ~ Hebrews 11:32-40

Conquering BY Faith Hebrews 11:32-35

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who **through faith** conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again...

Suffering BY FAITH ~ Hebrews 11:35-38

³⁵ ...Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. ³⁷ They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated- ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

In vs. 35 the writer changes the emphasis by **showing that Faith ALSO** provides a different empowerment - it is **the power to PERSEVERE to the end**. Hughes

Promises NOT Received ~ Hebrews 11:35-38

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet NONE of them received what had been PROMISED. ⁴⁰ God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Observations from Hebrews 11 J. Piper

- By FAITH God does acts - Rescuing and Saving His People
- By FAITH God His people - Terrible Hardship and Suffering
- FAITH is NOT the - in whether we Suffer or Escape
- FAITH believes God is than what can offer- better than what can take away

IMPLICATIONS

James 1:3 (HCS) ...that the testing of your FAITH produces ENDURANCE.

Endurance- steadfastness, persistence, and determination WHILE UNDER the TRIAL

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV) But now, this is what the LORD says- ...O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I WILL be with **you**; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

FAITH - believes that God has a _____ in the _____ times and the _____ times

FAITH - Trusts God for the _____ to _____ in the Darkest of Times

FAITH - may ask _____ me?

TAKE AWAY ??

STRENGTHENING our Faith

- Recount _____ God has done Before
- Give
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (HCS) Give thanks IN everything, for this IS God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- Ask God FOR Help to _____ and
Mark 9:24 (NIV) ...the boy's father exclaimed, I do believe; HELP me overcome my unbelief!
- Make a _____ to Hang On no Matter what
- Do what you _____ to do
- Focus on God's

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) Now FAITH is being SURE of what we Hope for and CERTAIN of what we do not see.