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Believers: Faith of the Victorious

Hebrews 11:32-40

Hebrews 11 ends with a long list of everyday people demonstrating extraordinary faith. The list is comprised of well-known names and people who aren't named. It is a mix of incredible triumphs and agonizing defeats. All of those mentioned are commended for their faith. It is a glorious reminder that earthly success, or lack thereof, is not the determining triumph of the believer's faith.

Additional Verses:

Matthew 13:53-58 Mark 5:25-34, 6:1-5 John 15:11, 16:24

Romans 5:1-5 Philippians 3:7-11 James 1:2-4

Outline:

1. Faith that emboldens victory.
Victorious heroes of the faith.

2. Faith that encourages endurance.
Suffering heroes of the faith.

3. Faith that embraces the better.
Continuing heroes of the faith.

Study Questions:

1. Which person and specific act of victory stands out to you the most? Why? What does God teach you through their victory?

2. Which specific act of earthly "defeat" stands out to you the most? Why? What does God teach you through their "defeat?"

3. Explain the relationship between our faith and God's action?

4. What victories has God given you in your life? How did your faith work in partnership with God's action?

5. What are some instances where you did not receive earthly victory? How did your faith encourage you to endure?

6. How does your faith make perfect the faith of the Old Testament believers? How is Jesus' sacrifice the link between the two?

7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?