

Faith That Conquers Notes11052023am

Hebrews 11:32-40

Introduction:

The author of Hebrews sounds like a preacher with his eye on the clock. He could say far more, if time allowed. But instead, he simply lists a few names without comment and then describes the experiences of others, without naming them. Some won great victories by faith. Others suffered horrible torture and death by faith. While all of them gained approval (or, testimony; our word martyr comes from the Greek word) by their faith, they did not receive the promise that we have received. The author is trying to steel his readers to be faithful to Christ in the face of looming persecution. His message is much needed because of the human tendency to use faith in Christ as the means to personal comfort and happiness. But when trials come, faith is abandoned. His message is that...

Faith _____ God in spite of results, looking to the final _____.

The text falls into three sections. In 11:32-35a, he shows how sometimes God blesses those who trust Him with spectacular results. But without even catching his breath, in the middle of verse 35 he shifts direction to show (11:35b-38) that sometimes God blesses those who trust Him with the grace to endure horrible persecution without wavering. He concludes (11:39-40) by showing that God will bless all who trust Him with eternal rewards.

- 1. A Faith That _____ Is Demonstrated in _____ That End In _____. (11:32-35a)**
- 2. A Faith That Conquers Is _____ in Trials That End In _____. (11:35b-39)**
- 3. Conquering Faith Results in a _____ Testimony and _____ Rewards. (11:39-40)**

Conclusion and Application:

(1) Faith is ready to sacrifice present _____ for future reward with Christ.

(2) Faith lives with a God-ward focus, not with a focus on _____ or _____.

(3) Faith trusts and _____ God, leaving the results to His _____.

(4) _____ to Jesus Christ counts more than anything else, even than _____ itself.