

## **"The Suffering & Victory of Faith"**

Hebrews 11: 32 – 40

Jesus own words in the Gospel of John:

*"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first..."*

John 15: 18 – 19

*"All this I have told you so that you will not go astray..."*

John 16: 1 – 4

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

John 16: 33

The ***"crowd of witnesses"*** surrounding us are: Hebrews 12: 1

*Gideon, Barak, Samson, and Jephthah...*

Judges

*David, Samuel and the Prophets...*

1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Kings

*Conquered kingdoms...*

Joshua and Judges

*Administered justice...*

Nehemiah

*Gained what was promised...*

Descendants of Abraham

*Saved from the mouths of lions...*

Daniel (Ch. 6)

*Quenched the fury of the flames...*

Daniel (Ch. 7)

*Escaped the edge of the sword...*

1 Kings 19

*Weakness turned to strength...*

2 Kings 20

*Powerful in battle, routed foreign armies...*

Judges 7

*Tortured, faced jeers, and flogging...*

Gospels

*Chains and Imprisonment...*

Apostles (Acts 6 – 8)

*Put to death by stoning*

Stephen (Acts 7)

*Sawed in two...put to death by sword*

Simon the Zealot

*Went about in sheep skins, goat skins...*

John the Baptist

*destitute, persecuted and mistreated...*

Too many to name

***The world was not worthy of them... (v. 38)***