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AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: Faith is the Victory

Passage: Hebrews 11:32-40

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Introduction: We naturally admire stories of victory and success, and that way of thinking can influence how we view the Christian life. Many assume that faith always leads to favorable outcomes, but Hebrews 11 shows us a different picture. Some believers experienced great victories, while others endured great suffering, yet God commended both. These closing verses remind us that faith is not measured by our circumstances but by our willingness to keep trusting God.

I. Sometimes Faith Wins (Verses 32-35a)

God has never been looking for perfect people. He has always been looking for people who will trust Him. The common denominator was not perfection, it was faith.

Every one of our stories points to the same wonderful truth, our God is able.

The God who raised the dead is still in the business of bringing hope where everyone else sees hopelessness.

We should never stop praying big prayers, never stop believing that God can intervene, and never stop asking Him to do what only He can do.



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Victories ought to strengthen our faith and remind us that our God is still able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

II. Sometimes Faith Suffers (Verses 35b-38)

Sometimes believers do not suffer because they lack faith. They suffer while living by faith.

Instead of denying the truth, they believed God's promises were greater than this present life. They understood that there was "a better resurrection."

God said it wasn't these believers who were unworthy of the world, it was the world that was unworthy of them.

Hebrews 11 lovingly tells us to stop comparing chapters. God is writing different stories, but He is looking for the same faith.

Your suffering is not proof that God has abandoned you. It may very well be the place where He is doing His greatest work.

Faith is the victory, not favorable circumstances.

III. Why Are Both Victorious? (Verses 39-40)

God isn't measuring your life against someone else's. He isn't asking whether your story looked like David's or Jeremiah's. He isn't asking whether you escaped the fire or walked through it. He's asking one question: Did you trust Me?

Faith is not measured by what happens to you. Faith is measured by whether you continue to trust God. In other words, Faith is the victory, not favorable circumstances.



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Faith simply requires trusting the One who already sees it all. Faith is willing to trust that God is writing a story much bigger than one lifetime.

The only thing that will matter is whether we were faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Heaven will ask whether you trusted Christ when life was good and whether you trusted Him when life was hard.

Conclusion: Remember that God measures victory differently than the world. Some experience great victories, while others endure great trials, but both are called to trust Him. In the end, what matters most is not our circumstances, but our faithfulness. The victory of faith is simply continuing to trust God in every season of life.



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