Jesus is Better

BOOK OF HEBREWS

Faith

is not about controlling outcomes, it's about treasuring God no matter the outcome.

1. Faith Wins — it sees God gain victories and call down miracles.

Hebrews 11:32-35a

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and 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.

2. Faith Waits — it endures suffering and defeat when victories and miracles don't come.

Hebrews 11:35-38

35 There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were killed 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, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

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Faith isn't a formula. It is a submission to God's higher wisdom shrouded in mystery.



4. Faith Values — it treasures God and the life to come above life's gains and losses today.

Hebrews 11:35

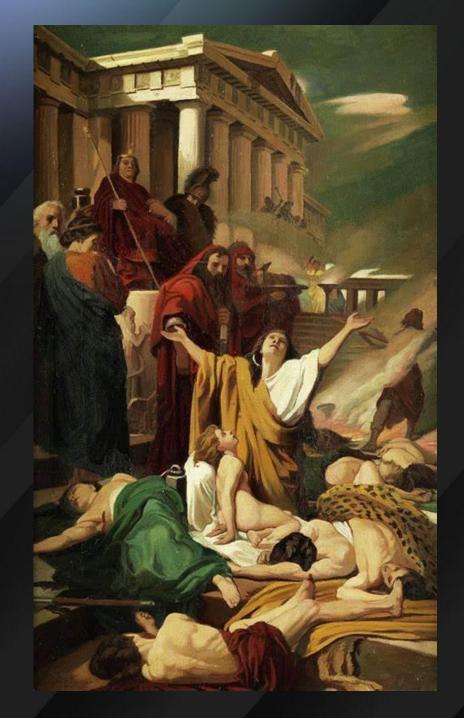
Some women "received back their dead raised to life again" (v.35a), while others "were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life" (v.35b).

Hebrews 11:39-40

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

"You accursed wretch, you dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life, because we have died for his laws."

One of the sons to the king



5. Faith Witnesses — it shows people of faith are God's gift to the world.

Hebrews 11:38

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