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## AND OTHERS

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.*

3 *By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

There are two lists of people:

### 1. The victors who got what they sought.

Abraham was given a son.

Moses led his people to freedom.

Gideon overcame a much bigger army.

Barak became President of the U.S.

By Faith occurs 22 times.

11:33 . . . who shut the mouths of lions,

11:34 quenched the fury of the flames . . .

### 2. The *others* who did not

Hebrews 11:35 *Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. 37 They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they*

*were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—*

11:33 They did not conquer kingdoms.

11:36 They were chained and put into prison.

11:33 Their weakness was not turned to strength.

11:36-37 They were flogged and stoned.

11:37 They did not escape the edge of the sword.  
They were put to death by the sword.

What do I do if I am a part of *the others*?

### 1. Know that God says hardship is normal

1 Peter 4:12 *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.*

### 2. Know that God has something better for me

Hebrews 11:35 . . . *Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.*

### 3. Know that God places great worth on me

Hebrews 11:38 *the world was not worthy of them . . .*

Hebrews 11:38 *They were too good for this world . . .*

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### 4. Know that God commends me for my faith

Hebrews 11:39 *These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.*

Matthew 17:20 *He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*