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Courage is necessary for them to step into the battle



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.

Courage is necessary for them to keep going

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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 sawed in two; 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.

God blesses
those who trust
Him with the grace
to endure horrible
trials without
wavering



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.

These great
heroes of faith
and courage have
not received the
fulfillment of what
they'd been
promised

In us, the fulfillment of those promises is made perfect



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We have a cheering section standing with us and praying for us

You and I have an inheritance of faith and courage

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