

Faith in Triumph and Suffering

Hebrews 11:32-40

The People of Faith

- Faith has always marked the people of God
- Faith looks outward to the trustworthiness of God

The Varied Outcomes of Faith

- Faith can accept loss because it believes in something better
- Faith sometimes triumphs visibly but always triumphs invisibly

The Destination of Faith

- Faith receives God's commendation
- By faith all God's people participate together in one great redemptive story

Don't measure God's faithfulness by circumstances

Don't measure your faith by feelings

Don't measure the promise by what you possess now

For Life Group Discussion

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1. What pressures are you facing that call for confident endurance? According to Heb 10:32 – 11:40, Where will that confidence come from? And what will be the fuel for your endurance?
2. Read Heb 11:1, 6, and 13-16. If someone asked you, "What is the nature of Biblical faith?" how would you answer?
3. Have you ever wondered how people from the Old Testament were made right with God? How does Hebrews 11 answer that question? (For additional insights read Genesis 15:6)
4. Where should we look in times of weakness, trouble, or loss for the strength and wisdom to persevere? How do the Biblical principles we considered contrast with the advice of our contemporary culture?
5. Give an example of a time when "faith triumphed visibly" in your life. Also share a situation where you did not have that experience but still expect faith to triumph invisibly. Why do you have that expectation?
6. Read again our three points of application (see reverse). Which of these is most challenging to you? In what circumstances will you apply these principles this week? Be specific...