



January 29 – February 4

FAITH | Faith in Something Better

Icebreaker: What is something you are anticipating right now (purchase, trip, event, etc.)? How does the anticipation make you feel? How does anticipation motivate you?

Read Hebrews 11:32–38

Consider the list of people in verse 32.

- From what you remember, how did each of them demonstrate faith in God? (*Gideon – Judges 6; Barak – Judges 4; Samson – Judges 13; Jephthah – Judges 11; David – 2 Samuel 16ff; Samuel – 1 Samuel*)
- Why might we think some of the people on this list to be strange additions to a hall of faith? What might this tell us about our own demonstrations of faith?

Consider the list of actions these people demonstrated faith (verses 33–38).

- Which actions stand out to you from this very descriptive and colorful list?
- What ought we take away from a list that contains so many actions that none of us have ever experienced and is more extreme than anything we have undergone? What are the faith lessons for us from these people of faith?
- In the middle of this list is a little phrase: “were made strong out of weakness”. How was this true of the people on this list?
- Read 2 Corinthians 12:9–10. Why is our weakness so important to the practice of our faith? How is weakness countercultural? How is weakness connected to strength?

Read Hebrews 11:39–40

- What does it mean that these people were commended for their faith? Why is commendation so important?
- What would it mean to you to be commended for your faith by God himself? How might this motivate you to live a life of faith in spite of difficulties?
- What did some of these people receive by faith in this lifetime? (see Hebrews 6:11; 11:11) What were these people promised that they did not receive? (See Hebrews 11:13)
- What are we promised that we have not yet received? What does God have in mind that is better for us?
- How do we endure knowing that we will not receive what is promised in this lifetime?
- What does it mean that the people on this list will not reach perfection without us? (See Hebrews 10:11–14)

Read Hebrews 12:1–2

- What is our task based on the lessons of the hall of faith in Hebrews 11? How is this task possible? What is the end result of fulfilling this task?

PRAYER



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