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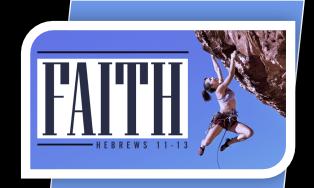
Victory In Our Circumstances Heb 11:35-40

Call to the Word Heb 11:1,6,35-40



Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him... (Heb 11:1,6)





Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. (Heb 11:35-36)





They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. (Heb 11:37-38)





And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. (Heb 11:39-40)



Victory Over Circumstances Heb 11:32-35



By faith they trusted God's direction and subdued kingdoms

- -Joshua: large number of the kings of Canaan
- David: Philistines, Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites
- Asa: Zerah the Ethiopian

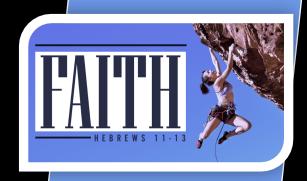




(by faith) Worked righteousness - established justice

- Josiah (2Ki 21)





(by faith) obtained promises

- Abraham, Sarah
- Moses
- Joshua
- David





(by faith) stopped the mouths of lions

- Daniel
- David





(by faith) quenched the violence of fire

- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego





(by faith) escaped the edge of the sword

- David vs. Goliath & Saul
- Moses vs. Pharaoh
- Elijah vs. Jezebel





(by faith) out of weakness were made strong

- Abraham & Sarah
- Esther
- Gideon
- Barak

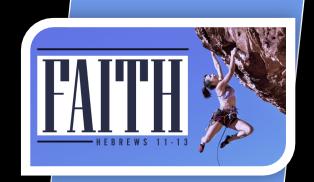




(by faith) became valiant in battle

- David
- -Asa
- -Jehoshaphat (2Chr 20)







Praying the Word means reading (or reciting) Scripture in a spirit of prayer and letting the meaning of the verses become our prayer and inspire our thoughts.





"There can be glorious victory in your life through praise. As you learn to praise the Lord and just spend your time in praise of Him, for His promise... we need to take the promises of God and put them over against our circumstances. And then just praise the Lord for His promises that He's given to us of victory over our circumstances." (Smith)





(by faith) women received their dead raised to life again...

- Elijah & the widow of Zarepheth - (1Ki 17)
- Elisha and the Shunamite woman - (2Ki 4)





Victory Over Circumstances

Php 3:9-11

Eph 12:18-19

Christians should know they serve and love a God of living power who shows His strength on behalf of His people.



Victory In Circumstances

Php 3:10 I want to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,



Victory In Circumstances Heb 11:35-40





(by faith) ...had trials of mockings & scourgings & chains & imprisonment

Joseph... Daniel... Jeremiah







(by faith) ...were stoned, sawn in two, tempted, and slain with the sword...

Zechariah Isaiah Elijah 85 Priests (15am 22)





(by faith) ...were homeless, penniless, oppressed, harassed and ill treated...

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"The world drove them out, thinking them unworthy to live in it, while in truth it was unworthy to have them living in it." (Wiersbe)

"The despised and ill-treated group of servants of God was of greater real worth than all the rest of humanity put together." (Morris) the



The Testimony & The Promise

- Needed a good testimony to break out of discouragement

- The promise of the New Covenant is the promise of salvation by faith



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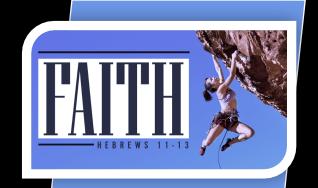
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Faith is believing what God has said simply because He has said it... either you come to God by faith alone or you don't come.



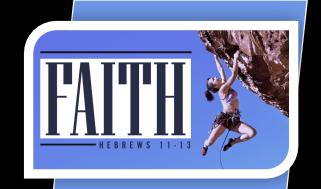


Faith Allows for Intimacy with God in Good Times and Bad

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To reach the higher is to leave the lower. If faith puts us *into* the atmosphere of God, it puts us *out* of the atmosphere of the world. But the gain always more than compensates for the loss.



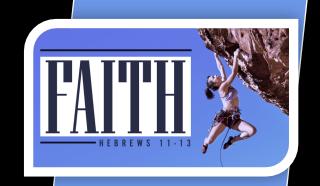


Faith enables us to turn from the approval of the world and seek only the approval of God.

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The absence of deliverance does not mean a lack of faith.





Faith is Possible for Every Believer in Every Circumstance

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It comes by the Word, fellowship, worship and prayer.



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