

OTHER'S FAITH

Hebrews 11:32-38

Many have lived a life of faith. Never feel like you are alone.

The faith of ...

I. THE VENERABLE

- Commendable ones completing the span of Israel's history

A. JUDGES: Not in chronological order but probably in order of influence

1. Gideon: Judges 6-8 > Conquering the Midianites with 300 warriors
2. Barak: Judges 4-5 > Conquering the Canaanites with Deborah
3. Samson: Judges 13-16 > Killing many Philistines in the temple of Dagon as his last act
4. Jephthah: Judges 11-12 > Conquering the Ammonites with a great slaughter

B. PROPHET AND KING: David

- Believing God had chosen him as Saul's replacement, but waiting on God's timing

C. PROPHET AND JUDGE: Samuel

- Taking on the dangerous mission of confronting Saul and crowning David before Saul's death

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II. THE VICTORIOUS (33-35a)

- The conquering ones > See I John 5:4

A. THEIR MIGHTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS (33a)

1. Conquered kingdoms: Judges, Saul, David
2. Administered justice: Solomon in I Kings 3:28
3. Obtained promises: Daniel saw some of Jeremiah's prophecies fulfilled

B. THEIR MIRACULOUS ENDURANCE (33b-34a)

1. Shut lion's mouths: Daniel
2. Quenched powerful fire: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
3. Escaped the edge of the sword: Israel with Esther's intervention

C. THEIR MILITARY EXPLOITS (34b)

1. From weakness made strong: Ezra and Nehemiah's work in restoring Jerusalem
2. Mighty in war: Saul, Jonathan, and David
3. Putting foreign armies to flight: Deborah and also Hezekiah with the Assyrians in II Kings 19:35

D. THEIR MERCIFUL ACTS (35a)

- Elijah and Elisha raising sons to life in I Kings 17:17 and II Kings 4:18

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III. **THE VICTIMIZED** (35b-38)

A. THEIR MAKEUP: "Others"

1. Those who had the faith to suffer rather than "succeed"
2. Consider these Scriptures > Job 13:15a and Romans 8:18

B. THEIR MINDSET (35b)

1. Not accepting release
2. Being tortured was better than being a traitor
3. Obtaining a better resurrection

C. THEIR MISTREATMENT (36)

1. Mockings: Verbal abuse
2. Scourgings: Physical abuse
3. Imprisonments: Psychological abuse
 - Jeremiah (Jer. 20:2, 37:15-16 and 38:6) and John the Baptist as well as Paul

D. THEIR MARTYRDOM (37a)

1. Stoned: Zechariah in II Chron. 24:20-21 and Stephen in Acts 7
2. Sawn in two: Isaiah (with good historical support though not in Scripture)
- (3. Tempted: To desert) *This phrase is not in many early texts*
4. Put to death with the sword: Uriah in Jer. 26:23 and John the Baptist

E. THEIR MISERY (37b-38)

1. Poverty (37b-38a)
2. Loneliness (38b)

CONCLUSION:

Whether commendable, conquering or conquered we must live by faith in all conditions.

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