



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-40 (NAS)

Topic: "The Fruits of Faith"

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32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson,
Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,
33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises,
shut the mouths of lions,
34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made
strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.
35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting
their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;
36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.
37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with
the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated
38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves
and holes in the ground.
39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was
promised,
40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not
be made perfect.

I. THE BLESSING OF GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH FAITH

- A. Men Of Faith Named
- B. Their Human Frailties
- C. Their Successes Through Faith
- D. God Uses Imperfect People
- E. God Uses People of Faith To Accomplish Things Which Can
Only Be Tracked Back To Him

II. WEAKNESS MADE STRONG

- A. God Warns Against Measuring Our Own Strength
- B. We Cannot Stand Apart From Him *John 15:5; II Corinthians 3:5; 12:9*
- C. We Are To Take No Credit To Ourselves *I Corinthians 10:31*

III. FAITH FOCUSES ON THE FINAL REWARDS

- A. Temporal Results May Be Great Success Or Torture
- B. All Gained Approval
- C. They Looked Forward To The Promise *John 1:14; Hebrews 1:2-3*

APPLICATION:

1. Asking God to do things which can only be attributed to His power.
2. We should be ready to sacrifice present comforts for eternal glory
II Corinthians 4:17; Romans 8:18, II Corinthians 11:23-25
3. The focus of our faith must be upon God to the point present trials
may be endured.
4. Our faith must trust the Sovereign God for the results.
5. Our faith in Christ must supersede all else.