

**Sunday AM, May 25, 2025**

**Anonymous Accounts of Faith from the Bible – Hebrews 11:35-40**

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<sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

- I. Faithful Men and Women of Courage
  - A. Last week, we read about fairly well-known people from the Old Testament who are honored not because of their talents, intellect, wealth, or power, but because of their faith.
  - B. Verses 35-38 are a powerful reminder that some of God's most faithful saints did not live lives of ease and comfort.
- II. The Great Hope of Heaven
  - A. That small phrase in verse 38 sums up this entire passage and this entire chapter: "of whom the world was not worthy."

Romans 8:18

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

- B. I want to share some closing observations from Hebrews chapter 11.

Psalm 84:1–2 (NIV84)

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! <sup>2</sup>My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Psalm 84:10 (NIV84)

<sup>10</sup>Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.