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Series Title: By Faith: Three Kinds of Faith
Key Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-40
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Starter: If you could ask one person in Hebrews 11:32 one question about their faith, who would it be, and what question would you ask them?

Discussion:

1. Is there a difference between people who “conquered kingdoms” (Hebrews 11:33) and people who were “mocked” or “sawn in two” (Hebrews 11:36 & 37)?

2. The heroes in Hebrew 11:32 were all commended for their faith despite flaws and weaknesses. What does that tech us on where the victories actually come from and what we need as “requirements”?

3. The faith chronicles move from stories of dramatic victory (Hebrews 11:32-35a) (Conquering and Confident Faith) to stories of costly suffering and endurance (Hebrews 11:35b-38) (Continuing faith). Why do we need to hold all three kinds of faith in our understanding and expression of faith? Why should we associate faith with victories and answered prayers as well as with suffering?

4. Barak and Gideon teach us that faith gives us confirmation and courage when we fear (Judges 4-8). How do the courage and confirmation help us when we need continuing faith in unresolved suffering?

5. Faith uses what is in our hands (Judges 15). What is in our hands? Reflect on how ordinary seeming things can become instruments of God’s purpose and victories

(Moses staff, Aaron's staff, David's stones). Also reflect that what is in our hands might also be the ability to go through the unresolved suffering.

6. Conquering faith overcomes unexplainable, unthinkable, and unacceptable situations. Can this conquering faith also be the grace and perseverance to exercise continuing faith in these situations?

7. How does it help our Christian walk to know that heroes of the faith also suffered without receiving the promise (Hebrews 11:39)? How does it affect our Christian walk to understand that faith can be triumph as well as suffering? How does it change what we characterise as "strong faith"?

8. Faith gives us greater kingdom impact (Jeremiah 1). How does each kind of faith bring this to pass?

9. The world considered faithful people worthless or expendable, yet God calls the world "not worthy of them" (Hebrews 11:35-38). How does this help us with our sense of value and worth?

10. The faith heroes endured suffering for the sake of "a better resurrection" (Hebrews 11:35). What current comforts, earthly rewards, or escapes might we be tempted to choose instead of enduring the sufferings, torment and setbacks for what God has planned?

11. The saints will be made perfect "together with us" (Hebrews 11:40). How does knowing we are part of the larger story of faith affect how we view and respond to our own struggles and challenges?