

"Faith: In Triumph & Tragedy"  
Hebrews 11:32-40

**Ice Breaker:**

- Is there a particular biblical character in Hebrews Chapter 11 that you can identify with as a model of living by faith? Tell the group why.

**Read: Hebrews 11:29-31**

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Is faith a substitute for common sense? Why or why not?
3. Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah...don't seem like paragons of faith. Why do you think they were included in the faith hall of fame? V.32
4. Why do you think the characters in the "triumph" section (V.32-35a) are mostly named and the "tragedy" section in (V. 35b-38) are unnamed?
5. Tell a time when God came through with an amazing divine intervention for you.
6. Tell about a time when God gave you amazing divine endurance to walk through a difficult situation.
7. True faith that is empowered by God to deliver and true faith that is empowered by God to endure, both spring from the very same source and have eyes focused on the very same thing. What is that source and focus?
8. How is it possible for true faith to respond well whether in triumph or tragedy?
9. What is the "something better" in v.40?

**Pray with each other:**

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What do I expect from my faith? Do I expect the strength of my faith be directly proportional to the strength of God's provision? When we pray in faith and God delivers a miracle, a healing, a provision, we celebrate, we praise and give much glory to God. And rightly so! But...what if when we pray hard in faith and God doesn't come through with a miraculous rescue or resurrection...what then? Does our faith in God take a hit? Do we give up on God? What does that say about our faith? Perhaps God is calling us to a far different kind of faith. What if you had the kind of faith that could face anything whether in triumph or tragedy?

1. Faith in Triumph v.32-35a
2. Faith in Tragedy v.35b-38
3. Something Better v.39-40

**Next Step:**

- Listen to your prayers this week. Are they mostly filled with requests for God to deliver and provide for happiness, success and health... or are they also laced with requests for empowerment to endure even when it stays hard?