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Hebrews 11:30-40
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By Faith, Part 2

Hebrews 11:30

By faith, the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

Hebrews 11:31

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

Hebrews 11:32

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets,

Hebrews 11:33

**Who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice,
gained what was promised, shut the mouths of lions**

Hebrews 11:34

**quenched the fury of the flames, escaped the edge of the sword,
whose weakness was turned to strength, became powerful in
battle, routed foreign armies.**

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Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection.

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Some faced jeers and flogging and even chains and imprisonment.

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They were put to death by stoning, sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—

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--the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and holes in the ground.

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These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,

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since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What seem to you to be the most compelling characteristics of those listed who lived by faith?

- 2) What would a list of “by faith, I...” look like for you?

- 3) The author of Hebrews skipped the entire 40 years of the wilderness wandering. Why? Where would there be times of silence for you? What would that signify? What was your life like during those times?

- 4) When have you had to act by faith even though you didn’t see an answer or fulfillment?

- 5) Describe how God brought you to a new place of trusting Him and of your living by faith, whether you saw the promises fulfilled or not.

- 6) What are some of the spiritual practices that help you remember that God loves you and that you can and must trust Him?