

Sermon Notes

Faith in Tragedy & Triumph
Hebrews 11:30-40

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Faith endures toward Triumph and through Tragedy

Enduring in Faith leads to gaining that which was promised

Faith & Triumph

Know what has been promised

That which is gained by faith is a gift not an achievement

Perseverance is more important than perfection

Faith grants us the strength to endure hardship

Faith & Tragedy

Expect suffering as long as you live in a broken world

God himself is better than what life can give to you now, and better than what death can take from you later. – John Piper

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

As always feel free to tweak, skip, or add questions to focus on areas you think most relevant to your group.

1. Appetizer or Dessert?
2. God's promises to us are different than the ones He made to Israel. What are some of the promises He made to them that don't apply to us?
3. In what ways can we expect triumph on this side of heaven?
4. What are the negative effects of an invent your own promises of God theology?
5. Why is it important to remember that God is the one who gifts us victory?
6. How can perfectionism be both a good thing and a bad thing?
7. Do you find it helpful to switch to a perseverance mindset over a perfection mindset? Why or why not?
8. Every single one of those heroes of the faith had a major fall at some point in their lives. How does this change how you look at them?
9. How did you come to understand that hardship should be expected in the Christian life? Did you feel prepared before you encountered it?
10. How does expecting hardship change the way you handle it?
11. What was the biggest thing you took away from this passage/message?