



Conspicuous Christianity  
Hebrews 11:32-39

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“And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawn in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated — the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith.”

I. They Gave Light during Dark Days

Verse 35-37 – “...Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawn in two; they were put to death by the sword.

- Moral Depravity
- Spiritual Darkness

Judges 21:25 (ESV)

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Philippians 2:14-16 (NIV)

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.

## II. They Stayed Strong during Troubled Days

Verse 32-34 - And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

- Courage
- Confidence

## III. They Remained Ready for Better Days

Verse 35 – (ESV) “Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.”

- They were Remembered for their Faith

Verse 39 – “These were all commended for their faith.”

- They were Rewarded for their Faith



"In the old Book it says, 'He that honors me, I will honor.'"

Eric Henry Liddell