

Persevere:

Warning #4: Don't Persist in Faithless Rebellion (Part #10)

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:32-40 (ESV)

How do we obey this warning?

#1: By heeding, 10:19-25.

#2: By looking, 10:32-39.

#3: By imitating, 11:1-12:2.

What kind of faith should we imitate?

1. Imitate the kind of faith that produces the fruit of obedience.
2. Imitate the kind of faith that looks past your current circumstances to what is promised.
3. Imitate the kind of faith that believes God even when His promise seems impossible.
4. Imitate the kind of faith that alters your self-identity.
5. Imitate the kind of faith that desires a better city.

6. Imitate the kind of faith that learns that God is the author of salvation.
7. Imitate the kind of faith that leaves a Godly legacy.
8. Imitate the kind of faith that fears God more than men.
9. Imitate the kind of faith that values the reproach of Christ more than the reward of this world.
10. Imitate the kind of faith that overcomes great fear by looking to God.
11. Imitate the kind of faith that trusts God regarding judgment and salvation.
12. Imitate the kind of faith that steps out where others drown.
13. Imitate the kind of faith that obeys God even when His instructions seem foolish.
14. Imitate the kind of faith that risks it all because it believes God.
15. Imitate the kind of faith that finds victory even in spite of great weakness, vv.32-35a.
16. Imitate the kind of faith that keeps on trusting God even in the midst of great suffering, vv.35b-38.
17. Imitate the kind of faith that trusts God even though they did not receive what was promised before they died, vv.39-40.