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# Faith's Contrasting Outcomes

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## PASSAGE

### Hebrews 11:32-40

<sup>32</sup> 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—  
<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> 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—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup> And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

## LESSON AIM

### GCF Members and attendees will ....

1. Members will know that God's followers who live by faith will experience both blessings & sacrifices
2. Members will desire to live by faith whether in good and trying times of their lives
3. Members will commit to pray for their Growth Group family to live by faith regardless of their situations or circumstances
4. Members will continue to participate in Kingdom building - whether at home, workplace, church ministry, etc. regardless of the outcome/result of their endeavours; living the faith and holding on to the promise they received from Jesus Christ.

## I. WELCOME

Share an instance where you experienced victory / defeat and how you responded by being a faithful child of God.

### Transition

*It is true that we will never experience victories all the time, but that should not stop us from being a true follower of God. Today we will learn of victory, not just in the present, but of the future, if we keep our eyes on the glorious future that God has prepared for us.*

## II. WORSHIP

**Reminder:** For families and small groups, being mindful of invited first timer guests unfamiliar to Christian praise and worship, here are some suggestions how you can worship God in preparation for the Bible Study:

- A. Listen and reflect on the lyrics of this song: [Beams Of Heaven](#)
- B. Visiodivina: <https://www.fulllofeyes.com/project/revelation-223-4/>



*Image source: <https://www.fullofeyes.com/project/revelation-223-4/>*

Read Rev.22:1-6 Reflect on the entire image.

What do you hear God whispering into your heart?

What thoughts or questions is this image raising?

What emotions do you feel?

Pray through the words,

images, emotions, questions,

and thoughts that are now in

your heart

### III. WORD

**Reminder:** Remember to pray for the invited guests silently during the study of the Word. May the Word powerfully speak to the guests. Do not force the guests to share their answers, mindful that they are not possibly familiar with the Bible. Proceed with the study of the Word by reflecting and answering the following questions:

- A. The people listed in verse 32 did not live perfect lives, some of them were even notable because of their failures. But can you list the time they displayed their exemplary faith in their lives?
1. Gideon (Judges 6-7)
  2. Barak (Judges 4)
  3. Samson (Judges 13-16)
  4. Jephtah (Judges 11)
  5. David (1 Samuel 17)
  6. Samuel (1 Samuel 7)
- B. Can you give examples of people from the Bible, who by faith, were victorious over their circumstances?
- C. What is it about faith that the author of Hebrews wants his readers to understand, and how does he get his point across?
- D. Discuss the motivation that the readers of Hebrews are to have for faithfulness in the present.

## IV. WALK

**Reminder:** The group must be conscious in giving the guests time to process and reflect on the Word of God, mindful that they may not yet fully comprehend all of the things discussed in the study of the Bible. The GG leader or GG member who invited the guests must commit to follow-up 1 to 2 days after the GG meeting to share the Good News in a more personal manner, and to follow them up by inviting them to your next GG meeting. So then reflect and take turns answering these questions:

- A. Who among the characters identified in v. 32 encourages you the most? Please share how this character's exercise of faith encourages you.
- B. In pairs, share a long-standing prayer item that you have been waiting for God's answer. Take a moment to pray for each other.
- C. What personal difficulties are you experiencing these days? Identify three things you can start doing (for two weeks) to exercise your faith in God in dealing with these difficulties. Pray with an accountability partner for these three things.
- D. As a Growth Group or as an individual, prayerfully consider taking on a simple kingdom building project. (Ex. If you are part of a Missionary Home Partner Team, do something that will benefit the ministry of your missionary partner. If you are involved with Mercy Ministry, do something for a family to experience the goodness of God through you or your Growth Group.)



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