

OF WHOM THE WORLD WAS NOT WORTHY

Hebrews 11

Hebrews chapter 11 is a record of many of the people that God used from the Old Testament. They were ordinary people like you and me who did extraordinary things. They faced incredibly adverse circumstances, like you and like I do, but they rose above those circumstances, and they changed their world. Could we change our world? Is that even possible still? The answer is yes, because the work of God is not limited to one particular time historically. God is still working, and He wants to work in your life if you'll take some faith and apply it.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **World changers are indestructible until God is done with them.** Hebrews 11:33 says, “They shut the mouths of lions.” We know this to be Daniel in the lions’ den. God sent His angels to deliver Daniel. God is going to send His angels to deliver you too, because you are indestructible until God is done with you. Don’t worry about the duration of your life. Just say that you’re going to do what you can with the time God gives you. He’s going to take care of you.
2. **World changers are never alone.** Christians are never alone. Verse 34 says, they “quenched the flames of fire,” speaking of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, when King Nebuchadnezzar threw them into the fiery furnace. But, they were not alone in the fire. The key to their courage and calmness was their Companion. It was the Lord, and He is with you as well.
3. **World changers apply their faith and they pray.** Both the prophets Elijah and Elisha raised the dead. And Elijah even called down fire from Heaven, and prayed earnestly to stop the rain, but they were both human, just like us. After facing victory against the prophets of Baal, Elijah ran away from King Ahab and Jezebel because he was afraid, depressed, and even wanted to die.
4. **World changers are often unappreciated and instead often persecuted.** The second group of world changers of Hebrews 11 suffered greatly, and many of them died. According to Jewish tradition, the prophet Isaiah was sawn in half with a wooden saw. Some others were tortured, whipped, and chained in prisons, but their faith remained strong, “placing their hope in a better life” (verse 35).

RELEVANT REMINDERS

- Faith does things. The more you use it, the stronger it becomes.
- Faith grows stronger through testing.
- Faith comes by hearing and obeying God’s Word.
- Faith can make the difference between something happening and not happening.

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APPLICABLE ACTIONS

The world changers of Hebrews 11 placed their hope in a better life. And there is a better life coming for you too if you have put your faith in Jesus. We call it the afterlife. If you know Christ in a personal way, you will go into His presence after you die, and you live on forever. And God will restore what you have lost on this earth, so whatever you have lost He will make it up to you. He will more than make it up to you. But until that day, walk with Him.