

# **The Hard Side of Faith**

Hebrews 11:35b-40

(series #31)

**Intro:** the importance of an accurate definition of faith

## **I. The Experience of Some Believers vv. 35-38**

- A. “Others were tortured” v. 35b
- B. “Others had trial of mockings...” v. 36
- C. “They were stoned...” v. 37a  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 24:21
- D. “They were sawn in two...” v. 37b
- E. Tempted, slain, wandered about... vv. 37c-38

## **II. The Plan of God vv. 39-40**

- A. These OT saints didn't see all God's promises fulfilled v. 39
- B. God waited for the new era to carry out other parts of His plan v. 40

## **III. The Example of Jesus - Hebrews 12:2**

## **IV. The Explanation of Paul - Romans 8:35-37**

## **V. The Assurance of Hebrews 13:5**

## **VI. The Example of Daniel 3:13-18**

## **VII. The Exhortation of Matthew 11:1-6**

**Conclusion:** Trust God and be faithful