

8. Many of God's people who have stood strong in their faith and refused release from torture or death will obtain what?
9. The author of Hebrews is trying to encourage his readers to be faithful to Jesus and not do what?
10. Who are a couple of Old Testament saints who fit the categories mentioned in verse 36?
11. According to 2nd Chronicles 24:21 which prophet was stoned to death?
12. According to tradition, which prophet was cut in two?
13. Many commentaries say that the reference in the last part of verse 37 is to the Jews during what time?
14. Had God abandoned the Jews when Antiochus Epiphanes attacked and brutalized thousands and thousands of them?
15. Do the Christians who were thrown to lions and not delivered belong on the same plane as those mentioned in Hebrews 11?
16. Were those in Hebrews 11 who experienced miracles more spiritual than those who did not?
17. During the time of King Ahab, who hid 100 of the Lord's prophets in caves to protect them from being slaughtered?
18. God's people often have to walk through extreme difficulty because of their faith and we are called to what?
19. Does verse 39 mean that God doesn't keep His promises?
20. God will fulfill all His promises but He does so according to what?
21. Faith doesn't guarantee what?
22. If you had seen Jesus on the cross, you wouldn't have thought of Him as a what?
23. The people in Hebrews 11 were great heroes of faith because, regardless of whether they saw miracles or not, they did what?
24. Faith never judges God by what?
25. God's character doesn't change with what?
26. According to Romans 8:35, even if we experience difficulties and tragedies in life, that doesn't mean what?
27. How do we know that God is with us?
28. Do you base your theology on concrete, biblical truth, or on changing circumstances?

29. What are we never to judge?
30. Where do we find a great example of faith in the Old Testament?
31. Faith isn't receiving from the God the things that we want; it is accepting what?
32. Why did John the Baptizer doubt that Jesus was the Messiah?
33. What is the hardest prayer to pray?
34. Blessed is the person who does not get upset with what?
35. Faith always leads to what?
36. Do you want to be a hero of faith like those in Hebrews 11?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- * How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- * How can I accomplish this change?
- * What is the first step toward bringing about this change??

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The Hard Side of Faith

Hebrews 11:35b-40

Series #31

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"The Hard Side of Faith."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Bryan shares a story of a young pastor dying of cancer and a woman's response to this. Have you ever felt like that woman?
2. How should we respond when we ask and it seems as if God doesn't respond?
3. Much of Hebrews 11 describes the miraculous events that took place in whose lives?
4. Many Christians assume that if you are a man/woman of faith, God will always do what?
5. What part of Hebrews 11 do many Christians ignore?
6. The Greek verb for "were tortured" indicates being what?
7. It is possible that the reference to those tortured was Eleazar, a high priest who would not accept what?

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