



The Ultimate Sacrifice of Courageous Faith Hebrews 11:32–39

Hebrews 11:32-38 (ESV)

“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— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 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. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 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— of whom the world was not worthy.”

I. God Chooses Ordinary People for Extraordinary Faith

II. Courageous Faith Always Requires Sacrifice and Sometimes Death

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III. The Promise for Living Well is Dying Better

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John 7:1 (ESV)

“After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.”

John 7:5, 12 (ESV)

“Not even his brothers believed in him.... And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.”

John 7:6-7 (ESV)

“Jesus said to them, ‘The world hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.’”

John 7:37-38 (ESV)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

What are we to do? Point the world to Jesus, with...

- *Courageous Faith* - Live like Jesus whatever the cost.
- *Courageous Voices* - Speak for Jesus whatever the crowd.
- *Courageous Forgiveness* - Forgive like Jesus whatever the crime.