

Hebrews 11:1-2

11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Hebrews 11:33-40

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

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They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

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(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

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And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

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God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

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Suffering:

10. Reveals the Body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12)

11. Gives us each a Ministry (II Corinthians 1:3-6)

12. Causes you to Trust God more than Yourself (Galatians 2:20)

13. Makes you More Evangelistic (Philippians 1:12-14)

14. Causes you to Pray More (Psalm 18:3-6; Psalm 63:1)

15. Purifies your Faith (Job 23:10)