



February 9, 2025
The Two Sides of Faith
Hebrews 11:32-40

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Re-read the passage noting the contrast between the group of people mentioned in verses 32-35a, with those mentioned in verses 35b-38. How do you think the people in the first group would describe their own journey through these circumstances?

* By way of contrast, how do you think the people in the second group would describe how they were able to endure such hardship?
3. How does this passage (and others, such as Heb. 10:32-39; Phil. 1:29; II Tim. 1:11-12; 3:12) challenge the idea that faith always leads to an easy life?
4. Would anyone like to share a time in your life that resonates more closely with the second group? How did God help you get through it? How would you describe your faith in Him during that season?
5. For all of you, in what areas of your life is God calling you to trust Him, even when you may not see immediate results? What helps strengthen your faith?
6. What *comparisons* are being made in verses 10, 16, 35, and 40? Summarize them in your own words. What does it mean that "God had provided something better for us" (v. 40)? How does this shape your hope and endurance in difficult times?
7. What are some practical ways you can remind yourself of the future glory God has promised when facing hardships? Are there any specific steps you can take to strengthen your faith and trust in God's promises this week?
8. If you truly lived with the faith described in this passage, how would it change your daily decisions and attitudes? How can you encourage others who may be struggling to see hope in their circumstances?