

Faith to Subdue Kingdoms and to be Sawn in Two - Hebrews - Week XXXVIII

- *“The author summarizes in a very impressive and moving list the exploits of numerous men and women of faith. Some were obviously victorious by faith even in their lifetimes. Others, equally men and women of faith, suffered apparent defeat. They died without being vindicated. Faith is not always seen to be triumphant in this life. And it takes greater faith to suffer apparent disaster, unvindicated, and to go on believing still.”* David Gooding Commentary

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.

- ***Through Faith: The Mountaintops / Victories of Faith (Hebrews 11:33-35a)***

- ***Through Faith: The Depths / Defeats of Faith (Hebrews 11:35b-38)***

- *“The fact that some were tortured and suffered in various other ways indicates that faith does not provide an automatic exemption from hardships, trials, or tragedy. Furthermore, the experience of such difficulties does not mean that the people undergoing them possess less faith than those who are not afflicted. The same faith that enables some to escape from trouble enables others to endure it. The same faith that delivers some from death enables others to die victoriously. Faith is not a bridge over troubled waters, but is a pathway through them.”* New Spirit Filled Life Bible

Isaiah 43

- As you read through Isaiah 43, what jumps out at you? What is God saying to you?
- What does Isaiah 43 say about God that is a faith booster?
- How does Isaiah 43 help us endure the ‘Hebrews 11 list’ in our lives?

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- *“All in the list of those who faced disaster through faith are nameless, except One. Of Him we read in Chapter 12. For when all the vast army of witnesses has gone past, there comes One at last who takes our attention away from all else and fastens it on Himself. We look off to the Author and Perfecter of our faith.”* David Gooding Commentary