Judges, Kings and Prophets

Hebrews 11:32-40 Brent Baker Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study Park Cities Presbyterian Church April 21, 2020

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³² 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— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ 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— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,
⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Table Discussion Questions:

- 1. Examining your faith and His faithfulness
 - 1. What are the fruits of your faith? How does your faith play out in life? Is it obvious in its fruits or are its fruits mostly hidden?
 - 2. If helpful, use the categories of Power and Endurance to frame your answer. Is your faith vibrant in these ways? Lacking in these ways?

2. Remembering His faithfulness

- 1. How is Jesus the epitome of faith?
- 2. What did it require of Him to make the sacrifice He made for you and me? In terms of power? Endurance?
- 3. What does it mean that He is the "author and perfecter" of our faith?
- 4. Consider and talk about God's faithfulness to you in Christ.