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***FAITH SEES US THROUGH HARD TIMES***

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Hebrews 11:32-12:2

- I. Triumphant Heroes Show Us That Faithful Living Is Hard  
To Identify  
Lesson for us
- 1.
- 2.
- II. Suffering Heroes Show Us That Faithful Living May Not  
Be Rewarded In This Life  
Reminders for us
- 1.
- 2.
- III. These Heroes Along With Us Are Being Made Perfect  
Through Christ's Work  
Comforts for us
- 1.
- 2.

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Adapted from Psalm 130

L: Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD;

C: **O Lord, hear our voice. Let your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy.**

L: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

L: We wait for the LORD, our souls wait, and in his word we put our hope.

C: **My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,**

L: O church, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

C: **Our Lord has redeemed us from all our sins.**

\*Hymn *Stand Up My Soul, Shake off Your Fears*

Stand up, my soul; shake off thy fears,  
And gird the gospel armor on;  
March to the gates of endless joy,  
Where your great Captain Saviour's gone.

Hell and your sins resist your course;

But hell and sin are vanquished foes:  
Your Jesus nailed them to the cross,  
And sung the triumph when he rose.

Then let my soul march boldly on,  
Press forward to the heav'nly gate;  
There peace and joy eternal reign,  
And glitt'ring robes for conqu'rors wait.

There shall I wear a starry crown,  
And triumph in almighty grace;  
While all the armies of the skies  
Join in my glorious Leader's praise.

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<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. <sup>40</sup> God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made

perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. <sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

\*Hymn No. 410      *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour Divine;  
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm and changeless be, A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Saviour, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul.

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Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.  
When the shadows come and darkness falls, He giveth inward peace,  
O He is the only perfect resting place, He giveth perfect peace!  
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee!

\*Postlude

Mr. Don Reasons