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Faith to Last Hebrews 11:32-40

Faith when it's all good Hebrews 11:32-35a

- National victories from judges, kings and prophets
- Personal deliverance from danger
- Personal gifts from God
- When have you seen God come through for you and it's built your faith?

Faith when it's as bad as it gets Hebrews 11:35b-38

- They did not take the easy way out and renounce their faith
- God doesn't save everyone physically, but He does save spiritually
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- When have you seen suffering lead to growth in your faith?

Faith gets promised and perfected by Jesus Hebrews 11:39-12:2

Hebrews 12:2 – *“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith.”*

- The Old Testament saints did not receive the promise of the Messiah. They wait with us for Christ's return.
- There's a cloud of witnesses from the past and today that surround us to build our faith.
- This faith helps us run the race of life with endurance.

Response:

Let gratitude for God and for the cloud of witnesses be our posture today.
Practice giving thanks each day for all that God has done for us.

DIGGING DEEPER

Hebrews 11:32-40

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. ***"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."***

2 Read the Text: Hebrews 11:1; 32-40

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, what is a time in my life where you showed me you were with me, where I felt comfort from you, and this built my faith?"
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, remind me of a time or season in my life where I was experiencing pain, trial, and/or desolation. God, where were you in this season and how did it help build my faith?"
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: "[Yes & Amen](#)" by Housefires

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

As you go throughout your life, may you know that God's presence is near. He is with you in trial and in joy, in pain and in comfort. May you have the patience toward all that is unsolved in your heart as you trust in our faithful God.

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together with others from Calvary. There are groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at CalvaryLife.org

RESOURCES

Connect Online Midweek: Engage with life at Calvary each day of the week through livestream and on-demand content, plus social media posts by following us on Facebook and Instagram [@calvarylife](https://www.instagram.com/calvarylife)

Family Activities: Find ways to help your kids grow through fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

Ways to Give: Your generosity and faithfulness is making a difference locally and globally! You can give today using the Offering Boxes available by the doors in the Worship Center and Chapel, or give online at calvarylife.org/give

SONG LYRICS

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me
Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Chorus 2: In my Father's house There's a place for me, I'm a child of God Yes I am

Bridge: I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am, You are for me not against me I am who You say I am

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All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia (x3)

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son And praise the Spirit Three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia (x3)

All the redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love O praise Him alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on Him, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia (x3)

He shall return in pow'r to reign, Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia (x3)

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Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken - We do, Do you feel the shadows deepen - We do
But do you know that all the dark Won't stop the light from getting through - we do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new - we do, Is all creation groaning - it is, Is a new creation coming - it is,
Is the glory of the Lord To be the light within our midst - it is, Is it good that we remind ourselves of this - it is

Chorus 1: Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole, Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory, Is He worthy of this, He is

Does the Father truly love us - He does, Does the Spirit move among us - He does
Does Jesus our Messiah Hold forever those He loves - He does, Does our God intend to dwell again with us - He does

From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory, Is He worthy Is He worthy Is He worthy of this

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Solid Rock (Come Hell or High Water)

You are not swayed by the wind and the waves, They must obey every word that You say
You are not rattled in the heat of my battle You are my fortress my hope and my strength

Chorus: On Christ the Solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand
When all gives way my soul will say On Christ the Solid Rock I stand

You are not surprised when my day turns to night Even in darkness I'm still in Your sight
You are not troubled by the weight of my struggle Your Word is my lamp and Your presence my light

Chorus: No matter what breaks whatever may fail I hold to the promise my God will prevail
Come sickness or sorrow come heartache or pain Come hell or high water my anchor remains

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This I Believe (The Creed)

We believe in God our Father We believe in Christ the Son, We believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One
We believe in the resurrection That we will rise again, For we believe in the Name of Jesus

We believe in life eternal We believe in the virgin birth, We believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy church
We believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again, For we believe in the Name of Jesus

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