

July 29, 2018
Series: Faith Powered
Sermon Title: *Now for Later*

Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

**¹Now faith is *CONFIDENCE* in what we *HOPE* for
and *ASSURANCE* about what we do not see.**

Big Idea:

Eternal Tomorrow's changes Life Today

FAITHFUL action

Hebrews 11:32-38 (NIV) ³²And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith *CONQUERED* kingdoms, *ADMINISTERED* justice, and *GAINED* what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched 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. ³⁵Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were *TORTURED*, refusing to be released so that they might *GAIN* an *EVEN BETTER RESURRECTION*. ³⁶Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were put to *DEATH* by *STONING*; they were *SAWED* in two; they were killed by the *SWORD*. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, *PERSECUTED* and *MISTREATED*— ³⁸the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

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Focused attention

Hebrews 11:39-12:2 (NIV) ³⁹These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

^{12:1}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, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Challenge Questions:

Where is God calling you to be faithful now?

How is God calling you to be faithful now?

What hinders you from faithful focus?

What would joyful living today for eternal tomorrows look like?

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