

Me TOO!

FAITH: Approved by God

Models of Faith that Persevere

10:36-39

(YOU) work out your salvation with fear and trembling

for it is God who is at work in you, both (for YOU) to will and to work for (His) good pleasure

And what more shall I (or can I) say?

Some believers experience great blessing and victory ... 11:32-35

But others (like the readers) **experience** great humiliation and defeat ... 11:35-38

11:32-34 Great models of Faith ...

But **Not** perfect men!

fearful, doubting Gideon victory weak resolve Barak victory immoral Samson victory son of a harlot Jephthah victory adultery, murder David victory

11:35 Resurrection ...

Good resurrection ...

(raised to die again)

Better resurrection!

... to Glory and Inheritance

11:36-38 Great models of Faith ...

But **Not** perfect lives!

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mockings and scourgings ... chains and prison stoned ... sawn in two ... death by sword destitute ... ill-treated ... homeless wanderers
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Not - The American Dream!

11:39 **ALL** of these ...

The Victors and the failures

did not receive **The Promise**even though
they DID receive

God's approval, His testimony, "well done!"

11:40 because ... of US! God has a greater purpose ... and those old heroes cannot be made perfect apart from US! 10:12-14

All of these past witnesses Prove:

The LORD *always* keeps His promises ...

The LORD gives His approval ...

We may die waiting ~

