



NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.

LESSON 21

HEBREWS 11:32-12:3

1. Last week we reflected on how Christ is our better reward. What insight from the lesson on **Hebrews 11:20-31** most challenged or encouraged you?

2. a) Pray and ask for God to give you a new sense of connection to the patriarchs and heroes of our faith as you read **Hebrews 11:32-12:3**. As you review what God's people endured for their faith, why is it important to remember those who have gone before us? What are their lives teaching you today?

- b) Who are some modern day heroes of our faith and what legacy have they left for you and me?

3. From **V32-34**, what are the triumphant ways God worked through men and women of faith to accomplish seemingly impossible things?

4. As you meditate on **V35**, what do you think a "better resurrection" means? See **1 Corinthians 15:20-21, 51-52** and **1 John 3:2** to help with your answer.

5. a) What are the hard things endured by our faith heroes and what questions come to mind as you review **Hebrews 11:36-38**?

- b) Why do you think "the world was not worthy of them" (**V38a**)?

6. a) How do **V39-40** summarize the lives of these heroes of the faith and what is God's plan for something better that all believers experience with them?

- b) What evidence of **Hebrews 11** faith might people see in your life?

7. a) Try and get in a runner's mindset as you read **Hebrews 12:1-3**. Make note of each piece of advice given by the author to coach us as we run our own races. Who are the "cloud of witnesses" it describes and how does this visual cheer you on?
- b) Take a personal inventory. What sins and other things do you need to "throw off" so you can run the race marked out for you? How does fixing your eyes on Jesus better equip you to leave these things behind?

9. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER RESURRECTION

Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die" in **John 11:25-26a**. Those who trust solely in Jesus' finished work on the cross look forward to the gift of eternal life. Jesus died but was raised to life; His resurrection is the better resurrection to eternal life. Use what you learn from the below verses in combination with today's readings to write a truth about Jesus, our better resurrection.

- **John 5:25-26**
- **John 11:21-26**
- **Philippians 3:10-11**
- **1 Peter 1:3-9**

MEMORY VERSE

"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, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2a

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