

## **The Summit of Faith**

### **September 29, 2019**

**Romans 12:1**, *“I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God.”*

#### **1. Faith at its summit has the courage to conquer in the midst of struggle.**

**Hebrews 11:30-34**, *“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.*

**Deuteronomy 1:28**, *“Where can we go up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, ‘The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw the sons of the Anakim there.’”*

#### **2. Faith at its summit has the courage to continue in the midst of suffering.**

**Hebrews 11:35-38**, *“Others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection. Others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated <sup>38</sup> (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.*

**3. Faith at its summit has the courage to count on salvation.**

**Hebrews 11:39-40**, *“And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.”*

**1 Peter 1:10-11**, *“As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.”*

**Hebrews 7:11**, *“If perfection was through the Levitical priesthood, what further need was there for another priest?”*

**Hebrews 5:9**, *“And having been made perfect, Jesus became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.”*

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