

Conquering Faith

Hebrews 11:32–40

faith is an *active confidence*
made up of two convictions:

a *future conviction* that makes one sure
of the future as if it were present

a *visual conviction* that brings
the invisible within view.

Empowered for Triumph (v. 32–35)

The Empowered v.32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—

Empowered for Triumph (v. 32–35)

The Empowerments v.33-35a who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection.

Empowered for Perseverance (v. 35–39)

Perseverance in Persecution v.35-36 Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

Empowered for Perseverance (v. 35–39)

Perseverance to Death v.37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—

Empowered for Perseverance (v. 35–39)

Perseverance in Deprivation v.37-40 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.