Faith to the Finish Hebrews 11:30-40 Pastor Phil Winfield August 31, 2008

## Introduction:

"Faith is <u>trusting</u> what God says and <u>acting</u> on it regardless of circumstances or <u>consequences</u>."

- 1) By faith we escape **condemnation** (verse 31; Joshua 2:1-14)
- 2) By faith we will conquer **opposition** verses 30, 32-35a
  - a) Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.
  - b) God knows the faithful by <u>name</u> (verse 32)
    (1) These Heroes are not great; they had **faith in a Great** God.
  - c) God grants the faithful **their fame** (verse 33-35a)
- 3) By faith we will **continue** (verse 35b 40)
  - a) Acts 14:21-22 And when they had preached the gospel ....they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "**We must** through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."
    - i) Sometimes God's will is to deliver us **from** life's circumstances.
    - ii) Sometimes God's will is to deliver us **to** life's circumstances.
    - iii) John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.