Crazy Faith That Fights and Finishes

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Hebrews 11:32–35a "Who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again"

Theme: Faith is not passive or emotional—it's a force that fights, overcomes, and finishes what God starts.

I. FAITH CONQUERS – "Who through faith conquered kingdoms"

A. Faith isn't just belief—it's ACTION rooted in belief.

Application: What "kingdom" are you facing that needs conquering? Fear? Addiction? A calling?

II. FAITH ESTABLISHES <u>JUSTICE</u> – "Administered justice, and gained what was promised"

Application: Faith-filled people don't just survive culture—they <u>SHAPE</u> it by bringing God's justice and promises into the present.

III. FAITH <u>DEFENDS</u> – "Shut the mouths of lions... quenched flames... escaped the sword"

Application: Faith doesn't always REMOVE the threat—but it shuts its mouth and guenches its flame.

IV. FAITH TRANSFORMS WEAKNESS - "Whose weakness was turned to strength"

Application: Your weakness doesn't disqualify you—it's an opportunity for God to show off His power THROUGH you.

V. FAITH WINS BATTLES – "Became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies"

Application: Stop waiting to feel ready—faith fights even when it feels <u>AFRAID</u>.

VI. FAITH REVIVES - "Women received back their dead, raised to life again"

Application: What dream, relationship, or promise looks dead? Faith believes God can <u>BREATHE</u> life again.

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

CALL TO ACTION:

- 1. Pick up your faith again. Stop waiting to feel strong—step out weak if you have to.
- **2. Face your lions**. What fear needs to be silenced by faith today?
- **3. Finish your fight**. God isn't done—and neither are you.