Sermon Outline

Death-Defying Faith

Hebrews 11:32-40

Introduction: This history of Christianity: great exploits, great suffering

Context: Review Hebrews 11

1) The faith of triumphant heroes (32-35a)

Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets Great exploits – advancing the kingdom of God

Made strong out of weakness

Women received their dead raised to life

2) The faith of suffering heroes (35b-38)

A better resurrection

Exemplars from Israel's intertestamental history

3) The perfected faith of all believers (39-40)

Commended by faith

We have something better

4) A promise fulfilled and a promise to come