



Who will be the Next HERO

A Sanctity of Human Life Message based on Hebrews 11:39-40

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Pictured above is THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM—our Nation's Highest award given to a civilian hero.



“Moral neutrality is impossible.”

- A Case for Life by Scott Klusendorf



STUDY VERSE SECTION - Hebrews 11:39–40, NASB95 -³⁹ *And all these*

[people mentioned in this chapter who led their lives by faith and are now cheering us on in our own lives],
having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was

promised [the promise referred to, of course, is the central promise of the Book of Hebrews—that Jesus Christ, who is better than the angels, Moses, Joshua, and the Hebrew High priests, made a perfect sacrifice and established a perfect covenant, ensuring that the old sacrificial system (works) is obsolete and that faith alone in Christ is the only way to live and be saved], ⁴⁰ *because God had provided something better for us* [Christ lives in us], *so that apart from us* [lit., before us] *they would not be made perfect* [the heroes of faith who preceded us didn't experience the perfection or the maturity we enjoy in the New Covenant with Jesus Christ (or, didn't, until they made it to heaven); They could be *made perfect* only as Christians are today, that is by Jesus Himself and His sacrifice].

If those on whom the great light of grace had not yet shone showed such surpassing constancy in bearing their ills, what effect ought the full glory of the gospel to have on us? A tiny spark of light led them to heaven, but now that the Son of righteousness shines on us what excuse shall we offer if we still cling to the earth?”

- John Calvin



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1. The Past

Hebrews 11:39–40, TLB -³⁹ *And these men of faith, though they trusted God and won his approval, none of them received all that God had promised them;* ⁴⁰ *for God wanted them to wait and share the even better rewards that were prepared for us.*

They—by faith—worked without Christ in them.

2. The Present

Hebrews 11:39–40, PME - *All these won a glowing testimony to their faith, but they did not then and there receive the fulfillment of the promise. God had something better planned for our day, and it was not His plan that they should reach perfection without us.*

We—by faith—work with Christ in us.

Life Application Section

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

- Proverbs 31:8, NLT

A. We must walk and live in the power of Jesus Christ.

B. We cannot remain silent on the issue of abortion.

C. There have been 60,069,971 abortions since Roe v Wade.

D. A 5—4 Supreme Court will not be enough.

E. We can and must be the next hero to the unborn.

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