

# People Too Good For This World

Scripture:

Hebrews 11:32-40

## Introduction

### I. The people

**Jude 24 NIV** To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy...

#### A. The victors

**Hebrews 11:32-35a NIV** And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, 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.

1. Daniel
2. Shadrach, Mesheck, and Abed-nego

#### B. The vanquished

**Hebrews 11:35b-37a NIV** Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword.

1. Isaiah
2. Samson
3. The apostles

#### C. The victims

**Hebrews 11:37b-38 NIV** They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

1. Jeremiah
2. Micaiah

**1 Kings 22:8 KJV** And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, there is yet one man, Micaiah, the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.

3. These were unsuccessful, they did not prosper

### II. The principle

**1 Peter 4:19 KJV** Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls unto him in well doing as unto a faithful Creator.

- A. Suffering according to the will of God
- B. Commit the keeping of their souls
- C. A faithful Creator

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**III. The pattern**

***I Peter 2:21 NIV* To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.**

- A. When you suffer, keep following Him**
- B. Keep Him in sight and in perspective**

**Conclusion**

**This week as I went to see my father for what I think will be the last time, he sat gasping for air with an oxygen tube in his nose. He gave me a car, and when I objected, he said, "Let this be a lesson to you! When you get down to where I am, only one thing counts."**

**With that, he pointed upward, and said, "The only thing that matters now is to make it in."**

**He passed away at 7:40 this morning.**