

“Rouge's Gallery” by Kirk Hunt

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:39-40 NIV

Hebrews 11 is full of names. From a certain point of view, these men and women are of two completely different characters. The easy view is of Scriptural heroes and saints of God.

The names in Hebrews 11 are a rogue's gallery of the imperfect and faulty. The list includes murderers, adulterers and the faithless. We are speaking of big failings and huge errors.

What should you expect? The man writing the list, once persecuted Christians. Paul is sticking up for people just like himself.

Still, with their stained records and flawed histories, all of them would gladly stand and testify. Of God's grace. Of His redemption.

So what makes these folks examples to today's men and women? Their faith. They did not stay face down in their errors and failings. They got up and kept trying to live out God's Word.

Yesterday's failing is not a disqualifier. Keep moving in sincerity and faith. I pray I will see your face and name in a rouge's gallery of faith.

Think: Godly men and women are not perfect, but they are full of faith.

Pray: “Father-God, give me the faith to pursue You and Your perfection for my life.”

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