Northwest Bible Church – Jan. 2, 2011 – Worship Service - Alan Conner

**Heb. 11:32-40**

*Victorious Faith*

*Intro*

 **A. GREAT ACTIONS OF VICTORIOUS FAITH (vv. 33-35a).**

 “conquered kingdoms” –

 “performed acts of righteousness” –

 “obtained promises” –

 “shut the mouths of lions” -

 “quenched the power of fire” –

 “escaped the edge of the sword” –

 “from weakness were made strong” –

 “became mighty in war” -

 “put foreign armies to flight” -

 “women received back their dead by resurrection” -

**B. GREAT AFFLICTIONS OF VICTORIOUS FAITH (vv. 35b-38).**

 1) Their afflictions (vv. 35-38).

 v. 35 - “tortured not accepting their release so that they might obtain a better resurrection” -

 v. 36 – mockings, scourgings, chains, imprisonment -

 v. 37 – stoned, sawn in two, death by sword -

 v. 38 - Wandering in deserts, mountains, caves, holes –

 2) Their assurance (vv. 35b, 40).

 a) better resurrection (v. 35b).

b) “God has provided something better for us” (v. 40).

 3) Their assessment (vv. 38-39).

 a) “of whom the world was not worthy” –

 b) “gained approval through their faith” (11:2, 39).

*Conclusion*