

# For What Would You Be Willing to Die?

- A. *“Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth” (Heb 11:35-38).*
- B. What about you? Have you ever stopped to ask, “For what would I be willing to die?”

## Examples from the “Great Cloud of Witnesses” (Heb 12:1a)

- Joseph (Gen 39:7-20) — willing to die before he would compromise his moral \_\_\_\_\_.
- Daniel (Dan 1:8) — willing to die before he would defile himself by disregarding God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (Dan 3:16-18) — willing to die before bowing to an \_\_\_\_\_.
- Daniel (Dan 6:6-10) — willing to die before he would stop \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- John the Baptist (Matt 14:3-11) — willing to die before sugarcoating God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- The apostles (Acts 5:27-42) — willing to die before they would stop proclaiming the \_\_\_\_\_.
- James (Acts 12:1-3; Gal 5:11) — willing to die before removing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cross.
- Paul (Acts 21:10-13) — willing to die before he would renounce his allegiance to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Uriah (Jer 26:20-24) — willing to die before he would stop foretelling the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Esther (Esther 4:8-16) — willing to die in order to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

***“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...” (Heb 12:1b-2)***