Michael Card "By Faith"

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By faith one was commended
For the sacrifice he made
Another out of holy fear
Built an ark the world to save
Another left his homeland
and as a stranger he'd reside
But none received the promise then
And so, in faith, they died.

Others conquered kingdoms
Quenched the fury of the flames
Some made strong in battle
Some were raised to life again
But many more were martyred
Midst the crowds loud clamoring
By faith they would not bow the knee
Nor kiss the emperor's ring

CHORUS:

Faith understands and offers
It assures and calms our fears
It can shut the mouths of lions
And make sense of scars and tears
We persevere in hope
And with conscience clean and clear
We walk this fallen wilderness
With Salvation's Pioneer

Being sure of what we hope for Seeing what is yet unseen A universe from nothingness New life where none had been The known made from unknowable And hope for the comfortless Who hear and hold on firmly to The faith that they possess

So fix your eyes upon the Champion As you seek to run the race Understanding that He cheers you on As you long for His embrace So hold on and do not grow weary Of the faith that you profess Remembering that you are ringed around By this cloud of witnesses

CHORUS

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