



Wednesday, November 1st – December 27th, 2017:

Location: Residence Inn San Antonio Sea World
(Meeting Room) – 2838 Cinema Ridge, San Antonio, Texas 78238

Service Time: 7:00am – 8:20pm (Room from 6:00pm – 9:00pm; [Pre-Service Prayer: 6:15pm – 6:45pm])

Sunday, November 12th – December 31st, 2017:

Location: Holiday Inn Northwest – Sea World
(Worship Service in Terra Room and SKA Children's Church in Canyon Boardroom) – 10135 State Highway 151, San Antonio, Texas 78251

Service Time: 10:30am – 12:00noon; SKA: Yes
(Rooms from 9:00am – 1:00pm [Pre-Service Prayer: 9:50am – 10:15am])



For we walk by
Faith
not by sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

2 Week Total = \$339.00; 4.2% of Overall Goal of **\$8,000.00** (Weekly Goal is **\$470.58** over and above regular tithes and offerings)



WELCOME

"The Good Fight of Faith"

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, December 17th, 2017





Merry Christmas



"THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH" NOTES:



Sermon: "The Good Fight of Faith" Sunday, December 17th, 2017

Read Hebrews 11:1 - 12 (NKJV)

TESTIMONIES OF THE ELDERS: Hebrews 11:2 - 3 (NKJV) The phrase "by faith the elders..." is easy to ignore and skip over, but the Father God does not waste words. Within this statement are a few powerful principles, when can help you be a person of faith. Let's jump right in.

- (1) **Other people can _____ your faith.** - The life of faith is not lived or learned in a vacuum. Whenever anyone succeeds in their walk with God, it encourages us.
- (2) **We _____ what faith is by watching others.**
- (3) **It takes faith from the _____ into everyday life.** FAITH is never to be isolated to a Sunday Morning church service; it is to be a part of everyday of the week.
- (4) **We can pick up the nuances of believing in God.**
- (5) **See from people who are farther along in life that faith is worth it.**
- (6) **It reminds us whatever God does for others He will _____ for us.** God doesn't play favorites; what He will do for one He will do for everyone. **Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) LIFE MAY CHANGE, AND TIMES MAY CHANGE, BUT GOD DOES NOT. Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV) Our first elder of faith is ABEL, who exemplifies faith through his WORSHIP. Read Genesis 4:1 - 5.** Three parts of Abel's worship help us unpack the story of his faith. (1) _____. We should always interpret the Old Testament *testimonies* in the light of New Testament *truth*. We look at Genesis 4 in light of **Romans 10:17 (NKJV)** - "*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing the word of God.*" (2) _____. (3) _____. **THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF FAITH IS NOT ABOUT US RECEIVING SOMETHING FROM GOD; IT IS ABOUT GIVING GOD SOMETHING.**
- **The second elder of faith demonstrates faith to us in his WALK with God.** Enoch's example shows a valuable lesson about faith. Faith isn't about what you're saying; it's about what you're doing. **YOUR FAITH MUST BE _____ THAN YOUR LIPS. IT MUST SHOW UP IN YOUR LIFE!** Abel's example was about *saving faith*. His faith was about offering and acknowledging a sacrifice from God. Enoch's faith was about *transforming faith*: once you're saved, God wants to transform you. Transformation is the second step after salvation.
- (1) **A walk with God is _____, not private.** (2) **It was a _____, not a leap.** Enoch walked in faith. "*Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years...*" - **Genesis 5:22b NKJV.** Faith isn't doing anything other than taking the next step. Faith just means taking one more step. (3) **It was _____, not tomorrow.** If Enoch is an example for us of any principle of faith, it is if you just handle today, you'll make it through tomorrow. (4) **Walking comes down to _____.** You have no control over anyone else's walk. Enoch shows us what it's like to make a personal decision to walk with God. (5) **Walking means you are with _____.** Our third elder of faith who demonstrates the next progression of our list is Noah. **Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV) Noah demonstrates the WITNESS OF FATH.** Noah shows us in four ways how faith is not a well-kept secret. (1) **Faith will not always be popular. FAITH IS NOT A STYLE ISSUE.** In fact, most people will think it is out of style. Can you live faith if it's not popular? (2) **Faith always stands out in a crowd.** Faith makes you look different. It changes how you think. (3) **Faith is about how God sees you, not how people see you.** "*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*" - **Genesis 6:8 NKJV.** Noah demonstrates faith by disregarding what others thought of him. (4) **Faith requires you to do what others do not do.** Noah was willing to stand out for his faith. That's what being a witness means. It means people notice your faith. YOUR FAITH SHOULD MAKE YOU LOOK DIFFERENT.
- **Abraham and Sarah demonstrate the WAIT and WORK of FAITH. Hebrews 11:8 - 12. Read Romans 4:16 - 22 (KJV).** These _____ OF FAITH outlined here are what enabled the Lord to help him and Sarah "WAIT IN FAITH (CHEERFULLY ENDURE)" and "WORK and WALK OUT THEIR FAITH to go from Promise to full manifestation of that Promise.
- We as saints of God have to fight the good fight of Faith as well. **1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)** We have to successfully endure and stand against the enemies to our faith. We have to stand firm against sense contradiction and temptations by the enemy of our soul to shift our belief on what we see and feel verses what God's Word says and promises.

Six Enemies of Faith: Enemy #1 - Failure to Understand What It Means to Be a New Creation in Christ A lack of understanding of what it means to be a new creature (creation) hinders our faith life. God expects our faith to grow and develop. When our faith grows three beneficial things occur in our lives: (1) Satan's dominion over us wanes (2) Circumstances become less formidable and (3) Fear is destroyed.. **Enemy #2 - Failure to Understand Our Place; Enemy #3 - Failure to Understand Righteousness. Enemy #4 - Failure to Understand Our Right to Use the Name of Jesus. Mark 16:15 - 18; John 16:23, 24** **Enemy #5 - Failure to Act Upon the Word. Read Proverbs 3:5, 6** **Enemy #6 - Failure to Hold Fast to Our Confession of Faith. Romans 10:10**
