



TWCC Sermon Connection Outline and Notes - "Faith Steps"

Sunday, June 28th, 2020

Hebrews 11:1, 3 (NKJV) - "1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

BY FAITH, ABRAHAM

Hebrews 11:8 - 11 (NKJV) - "8 By faith **Abraham obeyed** when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. 11 By faith **Sarah herself also received strength** to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. "

- We shared that if faith were a school, Abraham would be the principle because of the volume of information we get about him. We often call Abraham the "Father of Faith."
- Last week we saw there are five main _____ he learns as he travels his _____ of faith.
- **(1st) The _____ of Faith** - Genesis 12 and 13 focuses on the fact that Abraham realizes FAITH is a life, a lifestyle, no just a moment.
- **(2nd) The _____ of Faith** - In Genesis 14 and 15, Abraham learns if he was going to walk in faith, he was going to get attacked.
 - Walking in faith involves _____. The devil doesn't throw up his hands and say, "Oh, you're a person of faith. I give up." Abraham had to learn _____ management.
 - **1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)** - "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."
 - This verse outlines that there is a _____ to Faith. However, it is a _____ fight and the only fight we are be in. We are not to fight people or even demons.
 - God is not pleased when we are not _____ and He is not pleased when we are not _____. **1 John 5:4 (NLT)** - "For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith." Remember, our _____ Level, determines our _____ Level!
 - Living by _____ entails and involves _____!
 - The only option to _____ fighting the good fight of faith is to be _____ and _____. It is our _____ to fight or not - the good fight of faith!
 - **2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)** - "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

- **(3rd) The _____ of Faith** - As we watch Abraham journey on in faith in Genesis 16 and 17, we see the _____ involved for faith to have its effect. God promised Abraham he would father nations, and not only were there no nations, there was still no son.
- **(4th) - The WORK of Faith** - In Genesis 18 and 19, we see that there is some _____ involved in faith. Abraham has to _____ to save his family from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and his faith was seriously put to _____. (**James 2:14 - 17**).
- **(5th) - The WORSHIP of Faith** - In Genesis 20 through 22, Abraham has an opportunity to _____ God and to give God the glory. He shows us how _____ is a priority.
 - We discovered that like Abel, we learn that the life and walk of faith involves and entails _____ Faith teaches us how to _____ God.
 - Worship involves: **(1) Sacrifice (2) Surrender (3) Service (4) Sowing** and **(5) Singing** (Praise and Thanksgiving).

FAITH STEPS

- Let's first review some Faith _____ and _____ of Faith. We learn from both Abraham and Sarah three big aspects about _____.
- **Faith in God** involves and entails = Faith is God's _____. The truth that God is _____ and _____ do what He said and promised He will do.
- **Faith in God** also involves and entails = Faith is God's _____. The truth that God _____ and is _____ to do what He promised and said He will do for you.
- **Faith in God** is dealing with _____ (1) NOT _____ and (2) NOT _____. (**Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)** - "Now faith is the **substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**")
- So when it comes to having _____, we have to understand that these aspects are true and must be employed and engaged with our faith.
- **Why Faith? Romans 1:16 - 17 (NKJV)** - "16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."
 - **Galatians 3:11 (NKJV); Hebrews 10:38 (NKJV); 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)**
 - **(1) _____ is how our father functions. (2) Faith is what _____ our Father God (Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)** - "But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.") - Our Father is not pleased when we are not: **(1) _____** (God is not pleased when we are not _____ **1 John 5:4 (NLT)** - "For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith." Remember, our _____ Level, determines our _____ Level!) and **(2)** when we are not _____. **(3) Faith gives _____ to what Grace has given.**
 - **Ephesians 2:8 - 9 (NKJV)** - "8 For by grace you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."
 - **Read Romans 12:3 (KJV)**
- **What is Faith? Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)** - "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
- **Read Romans 4:11 - 21 (KJV)** Things we need to understand before we unpack these _____ of Faith:
- **(1)** There is no such thing as a _____ that doesn't work. (The problem is men not understanding the laws that govern it.) **(2)** There is no such thing as the Word of God that doesn't work. **(3)** We must not neglect the supernatural _____ of Faith.
- **STEPS OF FAITH:**
 - **STEP #1:** _____ what God has spoken. (**Vs 17** - "...I have made thee a father of man nations.")
 - Choose to believe what God said and promised more than what _____ God!
 - Faith first step begins with a firm, decided choice to _____ God!
 - We become **convinced** and **confident** that... (**Numbers 23:19 (NKJV)** - "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?")
 - We choose to _____ God is able and _____ God is willing to do what He said He would do.
 - **STEP #2:** _____ those things that be not as though they were. (**Vs 17** - "Calleth those things which be not as though they were.")

- First, we _____, then we _____ what we are _____ to _____!
- We are _____ what we want to _____, not **CALLING** what it is or what we see and feel.
- **STEP #3:** _____ in Faith. (**Vs 18 [AMPC]** - “[For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised.”)
 - **Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)** - “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” _____ MUST BE CONNECTED TO FAITH! Things we learn about _____ from God’s Word: **(1)** Hope is the expectation of a greater future than current circumstances. **(2)** Hope is an anchor - for our souls (mind, will, and emotions); it keeps you steady in challenging times. **(3)** Hope sets the tone of our conversations. It seasons our speech. Bible _____ is not just wishing and wanting something, but it is: *Joyful, confident, expectation* of good. You are *persuaded* of something that is true / truth; you are *expecting* something good and you are *excited* about it!
- **STEP #4:** _____ what you see, feel or is contradictory circumstances. (**Vs 19 - “And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb.”**)
 - In other words, Abraham considered it, then he considered it not.
- **STEP #5:** _____, To judge God and have divided loyalty against the Lord. You judge God as unfaithful, as unreliable and undependable to do what He said and promised He would do.
 - _____ is big thief of God’s Blessings in your life. **When we _____ God, we _____ Him and _____ Him; when we _____ God, we _____ Him and magnify the devil and the problem.**
- **STEP #6:** _____ (STAY STRONG) in faith by giving thanksgiving and praise to God. (**Vs 20b**).
 - This is how you sustained and strenghten your faith and standing in faith believing to receive. This is called the _____ of Faith. You turn the faith **POWER** up or on when you praise and thank God!
 - You keep your _____ Shield up to resist fear, doubt and unbelief that the enemy hurls into the battlefiled of your mind. (**Ephesians 6:16 (NKJV)** - “Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”)
 - When your _____ is up and your _____ is on, the enemy fiery darts won’t _____ to you or _____ you.
- **STEP #7: BE FULLY _____.** (**Vs 21**).
 - Abraham was fully _____ following these steps of _____. So will we!
