



**TWCC Sermon Connection Outline and Notes - “Family Faith - Part 1”**

Sunday, June 14th, 2020

**Read Hebrews 11:1 - 12 (NKJV)**

**MORE LESSONS ABOUT FAITH AND FAMILY**

- **Lesson #1:** We learn in this beautiful passage of Scripture that \_\_\_\_\_ is: (1) a \_\_\_\_\_ force; (2) Faith is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ power and (3) Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hope for and the evidence of things not seen.
- **Lesson #2:** We also see that God uses His Faith to: (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ things. We are to use our faith similarly!
- **Lesson #3:** Like \_\_\_\_\_, FAITH is a relationship. This is how we all should approach faith. Faith is a long-term \_\_\_\_\_ with God built over our lifetime. This \_\_\_\_\_ with God is with His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives and His \_\_\_\_\_ of faithfulness as our Heavenly Father in and through our lives.
- **Lesson #4:** FAITH IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF A BELIEVER! **Hebrews 10:38a (NKJV)** - *“Now the just shall live by faith...”*
- **Lesson #5:** FAITH IS A \_\_\_\_\_ TENSE KIND OF THING. When you begin to embrace faith, it changes a lot about you: Spiritually, Emotionally, Mentally and Conversationally
- **Lesson #6:** FAITH FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ US. FAITH STARTS \_\_\_\_\_ BY CHANGING YOU! The reason your problems follow you is because you have not allowed your faith to \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- **Lesson #7:** THE QUICKEST SIGN OF GROWING FAITH IS \_\_\_\_\_. IF YOU AREN’T UNCOMFORTABLE, YOUR FAITH IS MOST LIKELY \_\_\_\_\_.
- YOU NEVER GET MORE OF GOD WITHOUT GOD GETTING MORE OF YOU! FAITH IS HOW WE CAN ACCESS THOSE HEAVENLY BLESSINGS HERE ON EARTH. **Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)** - *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* FAITH WILL TAKE WHAT IS TRUE IN HEAVEN AND WILL CAUSE IT TO BE REAL ON EARTH.

**A LITTLE THING CALLED: HOPE**

**Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)** - *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

- \_\_\_\_\_ MUST BE CONNECTED TO FAITH! Is it hopeful or hopeless around your house?
- 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!

**HOW TO HAVE SELECTIVE HEARING**

- Friends, when you go back and study the term **“evidence”** as it is meant when **Hebrews 11:1** refers to the word, you will find it relates to a modern term found in legal terminology: **Deposition.**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ in this context is a great word to use when defining faith. Faith isn't based on what your grandma knows, what your mom knows, or what your father, brother, or sister knows; faith is based on what you know.
- FAITH IS NOT A HAND-ME-DOWN THING. FAITH IS \_\_\_\_\_; IT IS WHAT YOU PERSONALLY KNOW. IT STARTS WITH YOU.
- Friends, our word is the only thing that counts as evidence. **Romans 4:21 (KJV)** talks about this and says we should be - "And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."
- When you are fully \_\_\_\_\_ of God's faithfulness to you, your faith will withstand the courtroom testimony. It will become irrefutable \_\_\_\_\_ of God and His goodness. Paul said it this way by the Holy Spirit... **2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)** - "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."
- **How do we get to this point in our faith? Romans 10:17 (NKJV)** - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Why would God put such an emphasis on you hearing His Word? It's very simple: WORDS ARE MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_; WORDS ARE \_\_\_\_\_. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ THINGS.
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- But \_\_\_\_\_ can also become a problem when we listen to words containing something very dangerous: **fear and doubt**. Friends, we must be careful of what words are allowed to fill our heart and our home atmosphere.
- **Matthew 12:33 - 37 (NKJV)** - "33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. 34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."
- **Our WORD Math Formula** = (M = H = A) - In other words, the \_\_\_\_\_ coming out of our MOUTH equals what our \_\_\_\_\_ has in ABUNDANCE.
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ - the \_\_\_\_\_ we spoke yesterday - made life what it is today. WORDS are powerful. They are loaded with the power of life and death. Our life is constructed by our WORDS and composed by our choices!
- **Mark 4:24 (NKJV)** - "Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given." THE \_\_\_\_\_ YOU PLACE ON WHAT YOU HEAR IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ IT COMES BACK TO YOU. Put full value on what you hear from God's Word!

### TESTIMONIES OF THE ELDERS

**Hebrews 11:2 - 3 (NKJV)** - " <sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

- 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 inspire 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. (WHAT stories are inspiring your heart or your home?). Stories (particularly the one Jesus shared and communicated do two things: (1) They paint faith-filled pictures for our heart; and, (2) They provide clear points and principles for our heads.
  - **(2) We learn what faith is by watching others.** - Most people learn by observation, association and assimilation (visual learners); their ability to process truth occurs as they see it. Every time we watch people live through difficult or trying times, we can learn from them. (PARENTS: what family rating and faith rating would give your FAITH on display in our home?)

- **(3) It takes faith from the abstract into everyday life.** - \_\_\_\_\_ is never to be isolated to a Sunday Morning church service; it is to be a part of everyday of the week. Faith is not just to work **out** of our \_\_\_\_\_, but, work **in** our \_\_\_\_\_ and **in** our \_\_\_\_\_.
- **(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 do for us.** God doesn't play favorites; what He will do for one He will do for everyone.
- **Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)** - "By faith we understand that the **worlds** were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."
  - The word "**world**," however, had another connotation. The word also meant "ages," or "time." Using "**world**" declared one of the greatest concepts of faith:
  - LIFE MAY \_\_\_\_\_, AND TIMES MAY \_\_\_\_\_, BUT GOD DOES NOT. No matter how much things change, God has always been there for individuals who believe in Him.
- **Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV)** - "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks."
- Our first elder of faith is \_\_\_\_\_, who exemplifies faith through his \_\_\_\_\_. **Read Genesis 4:1 - 5.** Three parts of Abel's worship help us unpack the story of his faith.
  - **(1) Listen.** 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) Learn.** Just because we hear something doesn't always mean we learn it. Abel listened, but also learned he needed to be covered, and it needed to involve an animal. Abel learned from this, and understood animals were key to sacrifices and worship. Just as an animal was sacrificed to physically cover Adam and Eve, an animal sacrifice was required to cover man spiritually; that is, until Jesus became a living sacrifice.
  - **(3) Live.** Abel took the first and the best to sacrifice to God. Abel sets the precedent for us giving our best to God. Our best effort is what God accepts and loves.
  - THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF FAITH IS NOT ABOUT US \_\_\_\_\_ SOMETHING FROM GOD; IT IS ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_ GOD SOMETHING.
- The second elder of faith demonstrates faith to us in his \_\_\_\_\_ with God. Enoch's example shows a valuable lesson about faith. Faith isn't just about what you're **saying**; it's about what you're **doing**.
  - **YOUR WALK OF FAITH MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ THAN YOUR LIPS. IT MUST SHOW UP IN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_!**
  - 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 public, not private.** His walk distinguished him so people were aware.
    - **(2) It was a step, 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 today, 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.** 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 God.** Everyone wants to know, "Well is God going to be with me?" The real question is are you going to be with God?
- Our third elder of faith who demonstrates the next progression of our list is Noah. **Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV)** - "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."
- Noah demonstrates the \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ ISSUE. In fact, most people will think it is out of style. Can you live faith if it's not popular? Will you share and show your faith even if you get persecuted?

