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LESSON #1 *A VISIBLE FAITH*

Introduction: The apostle Paul uses a famous triplet to describe the greatest human virtues: faith, hope, and love (**I Corinthians 13:13**). These are three powerful virtues that can change lives. I want to explore the subject of faith by examining **Hebrews 11**. We will consider all of the Hall of Fame of Faith. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Faith Wakes: Believers (vs.1-3)

Faith comes from hearing and understanding the Word of God (**Romans 10:17**).

II. Faith Worships: Abel (v.4)

Abel is known for offering sacrifices (**Genesis 4**).

III. Faith Walks: Enoch (vs.5-6)

Enoch is known for walking with God (**Genesis 5**).

IV. Faith Works: Noah (v.7)

Noah is known for building an ark for God (**Genesis 6-10**).

V. Faith Waits: Abraham & Sarah (vs.8-19)

Abraham and Sarah are known for having to wait years for a child (**Genesis 12-21**).

VI. Faith Witnesses: Isaac (v.20)

Isaac is known for being faithful to his father's vision (**Genesis 21-35**).

VII. Faith Wrestles: Jacob (v.21)

Jacob is known for wrestling with an Angel of God (**Genesis 25-49**).

VIII. Faith Wishes: Joseph (vs.22)

Joseph is known for his dreams (**Genesis 30-50**).

IX. Faith Wanders: Moses (vs.23-29)

Moses is known for his work in delivering Israel (**Exodus 2-Deuteronomy 34**).

X. Faith Wars: Joshua (v.30)

Joshua is known for being a mighty warrior (**Exodus 17-Joshua 24**).

XI. Faith Wants: Rahab (v.31)

Rahab is known for hiding the spies in her house and saving her family (**Joshua 2-6**).

XII. Faith Wins: Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, etc. (vs.32-40)

All these people, and many others, are victorious, because of their faith (**I John 5:4**).

Conclusion: We should know that God will do as he has promised (**II Peter 3:9**). The Old Testament saints were given entrance into heaven because they hoped for salvation. Let's follow the examples of faith set before us!



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LESSON #2 *A BROTHERLY FAITH*

Introduction: Many Christians do not know that Jesus had a half-brother named James. In fact, the New Testament reveals that Jesus had four brothers. In **Mark 6:3** and **Matthew 13:55** they are identified as James, Joses (Joseph), Judas and Simon. There is a reference to the sisters of Jesus, but these are not named. In these Scriptures, they are not seen as stepbrothers and stepsisters, but they are truly half-brothers and half-sisters because Joseph is their father (**Luke 2:48-52**). What specifically do we know about James? How can we understand the significance of his life? In this lesson we will notice a few things about James that will help us better understand his book (which is about faith). Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. What Did James Think About Jesus?

- A. He thought Jesus was contentious (**Matthew 12:46-50**).
- B. He thought Jesus was confused (**Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6**).
- C. He thought Jesus was complicated (**Matthew 27:56, Mark 15:40, 16:1, Luke 23:27:31, 49, 24:10, John 19:25-27**).
- D. He thought Jesus was crazy (**Mark 3:20-22**).
- E. He thought Jesus was a counterfeit (**Luke 1:26-38, 2:48-52, John 2:12, 7:1-13**).

II. What Did Jesus Think About James?

- A. His heart was tender (**I Corinthians 15:6-7, James 1:1, Jude 1**).
- B. His soul was lost (**John 7:5**).
- C. His mind was ready (**Matthew 13:53-58, Acts 1:14**).
- D. His strength was wavering (**Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6, John 2:12, 7:1-13, Acts 9:26-29, Galatians 1:18-29, 2:6-10**).
- E. His ministry was successful (**Acts 11:1-18, 12:17, 15:12-21, 21:17-20**).

III. What Do You Think About James?

- A. He taught about priorities (**James 1**).
- B. He taught about faith and works (**James 2**).
- C. He taught about wisdom (**James 3**).
- D. He taught about humility (**James 4**).
- E. He taught about living right (**James 5**).

Conclusion: Isn't it great that we can have faith in God? He allows us to be moved to do good works (**Matthew 5:16**). Praise God that people can change! Praise God that we can change! Do you have faith like James? Are you doing good works like James? Let's follow his wisdom. Let's study his book and learn more about the faith of a believer in Christ Jesus.



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LESSON #3 *A FOREIGN FAITH*

Introduction: Being accepted and knowing where you are going comes at a high price. In the Bible we discover a woman who found that she was accepted, knew where she was going, and it cost a high price. It is the story of Ruth the Moabitess. She deserves high praise and lots of consideration if we are going to study about faith. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Opening Observations About the Story of Ruth

- A. Do NOT forget the time.
- B. Do NOT forget the place.
- C. Do NOT forget the conditions.

II. Significant Events in the Story

- A. The significance of the famine.
- B. The significance of the family.
- C. The significance of the frustration.
- D. The significance of the farewell.

III. God's Blessings on Every Page

- A. God blesses Ruth.
- B. God blesses Boaz.
- C. God blesses Naomi.
- D. God blesses Israel.
- E. God blesses ALL nations.

IV. God's Love on Every Page

Love Endures All Things

Ruth 1:1-5, I Corinthians 13:7

Love Does Not Fail

Ruth 1:6-14, I Corinthians 13:8

Love Bears All Things

Ruth 1:14-18, I Corinthians 13:7

Love Suffers Long

Ruth 1:19-22, I Corinthians 13:4

Love Does Not Seek Its Own

Ruth 2:1-4, I Corinthians 13:5

Love Is Not Provoked

Ruth 2:5-9, I Corinthians 13:5

Love Is Kind

Ruth 2:10-17, I Corinthians 13:4

Love Thinks No Evil

Ruth 2:18-22, I Corinthians 13:5

Love Believes All Things

Ruth 3:1-7, I Corinthians 13:7

Love Does Not Rejoice In Iniquity

Ruth 3:8-13, I Corinthians 13:6

Love Does Not Behave Rudely

Ruth 3:14-15, I Corinthians 13:5

Love Does Not Parade Itself

Ruth 3:16-18, I Corinthians 13:4

Love Does Not Envy

Ruth 4:1-4, I Corinthians 13:4

Love Is Not Puffed Up

Ruth 4:5-8, I Corinthians 13:4

Love Rejoices In The Truth

Ruth 4:9-12, I Corinthians 13:6

Love Hopes All Things

Ruth 4:13-22, I Corinthians 13:7

Conclusion: What an amazing story! How can we become a modern day Boaz? What are the "Boaz" stories in our congregation? Is there a "Ruth" among us? I am confident that we could share dozens of stories of how God reached out to us when we were lonely, outcast, overlooked or felt like there was no hope. How can we be like Jesus to our friends, schools, businesses and city? Are you ready to turn your life over to God? Are you ready to surrender to the will of God?



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LESSON #4 *A STEADFAST FAITH*

Introduction: God is searching for followers who will stand fast in their faith. Christians should be willing to follow Him wherever He may lead. Paul said, “*Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong*” (I Corinthians 16:13). How can we do this? Paul gives a few ideas in I Corinthians 15:50-58. Do you consider yourself steadfast and faithful? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. YOU CAN STAND FAST WHEN YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOD

- Faith is needed to begin our walk (Genesis 15:6).
- Faith is needed to plant the right seed (Luke 17:6).
- Faith is needed for salvation (Romans 3:28, 10:17).

II. YOU CAN STAND FAST WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL

- Faith puts us in a right relationship with God (Romans 5:1).
- Faith is knowing that God is for us (Romans 8:31-39).
- Faith comes from hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

III. YOU CAN STAND FAST WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH YOU

- Faith is part of our unity in Christ (Ephesians 4:5).
- Faith is hope in the unseen things (Hebrews 11:1).
- Faith accompanies obedience to God (Hebrews 11:7-12).

IV. YOU CAN STAND FAST WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD GAVE YOU GIFTS

- Faith is shining your light in the darkness (Matthew 5:13-16).
- Faith is using your talents to God’s glory (Matthew 25:14-30).
- Faith is bearing fruit for the kingdom (John 15:1-8).

Conclusion: As disciples of Jesus Christ we must stand fast. The future of the church depends on our faithfulness. The future of the kingdom, and the stability of believers, depends on our willingness to stand fast in our faith. Will you be dedicated and steadfast? Will you grow in your faith? What can you do to become more steadfast?



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LESSON #5 ***A FEARLESS FAITH***

Introduction: One of the most difficult things we face in our Christian walk is how to stay faithful. We know what is right. We can read God's Word. However, the trials of the world, and personal struggles we face, tend to challenge us. We need to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus (**Hebrews 12:1-2**). How can we do that? What do we need to do to have a fearless faith? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Fearless & Faithful Christians Are Servants

I Corinthians 4:14-17 says, "I am not trying to make you feel ashamed. I am writing this to give you a warning as my own dear children. For though you may have ten thousand teachers in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Through the Good News I became your father in Christ Jesus, so I beg you, please follow my example. That is why I am sending to you Timothy, my son in the Lord. I love Timothy, and he is faithful. He will help you remember my way of life in Christ Jesus, just as I teach it in all the churches everywhere."

- We need to focus on serving God
- We need to focus on serving God's church
- We need to focus on serving God's people
- We need to focus on serving God's way

II. Fearless & Faithful Christians Are Students

II Thessalonians 3:1-5 says, "And now, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the Lord's teaching will continue to spread quickly and that people will give honor to that teaching, just as happened with you. And pray that we will be protected from stubborn and evil people, because not all people believe. But the Lord is faithful and will give you strength and will protect you from the Evil One. The Lord makes us feel sure that you are doing and will continue to do the things we told you. May the Lord lead your hearts into God's love and Christ's patience."

- We need to focus on studying the Word of God
- We need to focus on searching the Word of God
- We need to focus on surrendering to the Word of God
- We need to focus on strengthening ourselves in the Word of God

III. Fearless & Faithful Christians Are Not Spectators

II Timothy 2:2 says, "You should teach people whom you can trust the things you and many others have heard me say. Then they will be able to teach others."

- We need to focus on separating ourselves from enemies of the truth
- We need to focus on sharing the truth
- We need to focus on supporting those who share the truth
- We need to focus on speaking the truth in love

Conclusion: Jesus tried to help His disciples prepare for ministry. God has given us His Holy Word to prepare us for ministry. Are you ready to obey God's will? Are you ready to be faithful? Are you ready to be fearless? Don't become discouraged (**Galatians 6:6-10**)! We need to resist the devil. Let's focus on having a fearless faith!



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LESSON #6 *AN ACTIVE FAITH*

Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on taking a faith journey and having an active faith. How many times does the Bible speak of walking in the “way” of the Lord or following the “way” of God? The Scriptures teach us to talk to our children when we walk along the road (**Deuteronomy 11:19**). What does that mean? Maybe we are supposed to be on a faith journey. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Remember Where You Have Worshipped

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| A. Noah built an altar (Genesis 8:20) | J. Manoah built an altar (Judges 13:20) |
| B. Abraham built altars in Moriah (Genesis 12:7-8),
Hebron (Genesis 13:18), Shechem (Genesis 22:2,9) | K. The people of Israel built an altar (Judges 21:4) |
| C. Isaac built an altar in (Genesis 26:25) | L. Samuel built an altar (I Samuel 7:1-17) |
| D. Jacob built altars in Shechem (Genesis 33:20) and
Bethel (Genesis 35:1-7) | M. Saul built an altar (I Samuel 14:35) |
| E. Moses built an altar (Exodus 17:15) | N. David built an altar (II Samuel 24:25) |
| F. Balak built an altar (Numbers 23:1, 4, 14) | O. Jeroboam built an altar (I Kings 12:32-33) |
| G. Joshua built an altar (Joshua 8:30) | P. Ahab built an altar (I Kings 16:32) |
| H. The Hebrew tribes built an altar (Joshua 22:10) | Q. Elijah built an altar (I Kings 18:31-32) |
| I. Gideon built an altar (Judges 6:24) | R. Uriah built an altar (II Kings 16:11) |
| | S. Manasseh built an altar (II Kings 21:3) |
| | T. Zerubbabel built an altar (Ezra 3:2) |

II. Remember Where You Have Overcome

I Samuel 7:15-17, I Samuel 4:1-2, 4:10, 5:1, Joshua 4:4-7

III. Remember Where You Have Rested

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| A. The stones of Jacob (Genesis 28:20-22, 35:14) | H. The wells of Elim (Exodus 15:27) |
| B. The well in the Kadesh wilderness (Genesis 16:14) | I. The wells of the wanderings (Numbers 21:16-18) |
| C. The well in the Paran wilderness (Genesis 21:19) | J. The well in Ramah (I Samuel 19: 18-24) |
| D. The well in Beersheba (Genesis 21:30) | K. The well in Sirah (II Samuel 3:26) |
| E. The well in Nahor (Genesis 24:11-20) | L. The well of Bahurim (II Samuel 17:18-19) |
| F. The wells of Gerar (Genesis 26:18) | M. The well of Bethlehem (II Samuel 23:15) |
| G. The well in Midian (Exodus 2:15-21) | N. The well in Samaria (John 4:6) |

Conclusion: What would happen if we planned our trips around spiritual activities? Don’t leave God out of your plans. Take some spiritual journeys. It doesn’t have to be something special. Every day we have an opportunity to start a new walk of faith. Also, don’t forget that you don’t go to God, God goes with you! So be a witness wherever you are (**Luke 22:46-49, Acts 1:7-8**)! Where are you in your Christian walk? Where is your family headed? How are things within your spiritual family? How is your relationship with the Heavenly Father? If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you!



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LESSON #7 *A GENUINE FAITH*

Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on having a genuine faith in **James 2**. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Faith Reveals Generosity Without Pride (vs.14-16)

- A. When faith is tested it results in patience.
- B. When faith is tested it results in action.
- C. When faith is tested it proves to be a strong foundation.

II. Faith Reveals Works Without Ignorance (vs.17-18)

- A. Good works are the result of a strong faith.
- B. Good works are the result of a living faith.
- C. Good works are the result of a humble faith.

III. Faith Reveals Belief Without Misunderstanding (vs.19-20)

- A. Faith/belief without works is no more than words without deeds.
- B. Faith/belief without works is no more than intellect without action.
- C. Faith/belief without works is no more than religion without Christ.

IV. Faith Reveals Examples Without Disobedience (vs.21-23)

- A. Abraham was obedient when he attempted to offer Isaac.
- B. Abraham's faith was made perfect through his obedience and works.
- C. Abraham's works were accounted to him for righteousness.

V. Faith Reveals Justification Without Conformation (vs.24-26)

- A. Justification comes by good works.
- B. Justification comes by right actions.
- C. Justification comes by a living faith.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine faith. Will you follow James' advice?



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LESSON #8 ***A FRUITFUL FAITH***

Introduction: Paul boldly urges the churches of Galatia to walk by the Spirit. He warns them about the works of the flesh and then identifies the fruit of the Spirit. Faith is a fruit! Let's consider some things about faithfulness...

Discussion:

I. Faithful Christians Are Faithful Supporters

II Timothy 2:2 says, *"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."* (NKJV)

- * Faithful Christians Support The Faith
- * Faithful Christians Support Sharing The Faith
- * Faithful Christians Support Men & Women of Faith

II. Faithful Christians Are Faithful Servants

I Corinthians 4:14-17 says, *"I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church."* (ESV)

- * Faithful Christians Serve God
- * Faithful Christians Serve The Family of God
- * Faithful Christians Serve The Community

III. Faithful Christians Are Faithful Students

II Thessalonians 3:1-5 says, *"And now, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the Lord's teaching will continue to spread quickly and that people will give honor to that teaching, just as happened with you. And pray that we will be protected from stubborn and evil people, because not all people believe. But the Lord is faithful and will give you strength and will protect you from the Evil One. The Lord makes us feel sure that you are doing and will continue to do the things we told you. May the Lord lead your hearts into God's love and Christ's patience."* (NCV)

- * Faithful Christians Study The Word of God
- * Faithful Christians Search The Word of God
- * Faithful Christians Surrender to the Word of God

IV. Faithful Christians Are Faithful Stewards

II Corinthians 8:1-7 says, *"And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving."* (NIV)

- * Faithful Christians Are Good Stewards of Their Abilities/Talents
- * Faithful Christians Are Good Stewards of Their Opportunities/Time
- * Faithful Christians Are Good Stewards of Their Possessions/Treasures

Conclusion: We need to re-evaluate what we are doing, why we are doing it, and how it is impacting our life. Paul hopes that we will live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit! It's time to bear fruit! Are you ready to obey God's will? Are you ready to show faithfulness?



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LESSON #9 ***A GROWING FAITH***

Introduction: Most of us enjoy getting practical advice. Anyone else feel that way? Peter gives some practical advice that can daily impact us in a practical way (**II Peter 1:5-11**). We need to add to our faith! What would happen if we chose a different word for each day? Let's read and study together...

Discussion:

I. Diligently Add To Your Faith Virtue

What can we do on Sunday to pursue a virtuous life?

Think about **Proverbs 31:10-31** and the great example of the virtuous woman. Are you virtuous?

II. Diligently Add To Your Virtue. . . . Knowledge

What can we do on Monday to acquire knowledge?

Think about **Proverbs 1:2-7** and the beginning of knowledge. Grab your Bible and open it up. Seek knowledge.

III. Diligently Add To Your Knowledge. . . . Self-Control

What can we do on Tuesday to practice self-control?

Think about what Paul says in **Philippians 4:8-9**. Resolve only to say and do what love requires.

IV. Diligently Add To Your Self-Control. . . . Perseverance

What can we do on Wednesday to persevere?

Go back to that garden scene in **Matthew 26:36-44**. Pray that the Lord's will be done in your life.

V. Diligently Add To Your Perseverance. . . . Godliness

What can we do on Thursday to affirm our godliness?

Think about the advice Paul gave Timothy in **I Timothy 4:7-8**. Will you become a godly person?

VI. Diligently Add To Your Godliness. . . . Brotherly Kindness

What can we do on Friday to show brotherly kindness?

Turn to **Ephesians 4:25-32** and consider the need to forgive your brother/sister. Are you kind?

VII. Diligently Add To Your Brotherly Kindness. . . . Love

What can we do on Saturday to reveal the love of God?

When you seek love on Saturday, reflect on **Ephesians 5:22-6:4**. Be more loving!

Conclusion: *On Sunday morning we can renew our faith again!* We need to come back to services and Bible class to get prepared for the upcoming week. Don't forget about the Lord's Day! It is in our assembly together that we are stirred up for love and good works and are encouraged to hold fast to the confession of our hope (**Hebrews 10:23-25**)! We need to kick-start our week with a renewed focus and add to our faith daily! How's your faith? Are you adding to your faith? If not, then you do not have a growing faith!



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LESSON #10 *A FORWARD FAITH*

Introduction: There is so much to be learned from the early church. One thing we learn is that it was their faith, not fear, that propelled them forward. People did not fear the sword or persecution. They had faith in the Lord! Every Christian should read Foxes Book of Martyrs. Read of stories where people giving their neck to the sword and their bodies to be burned. The early Christians were on the move, literally. Read the book of Acts. On nearly every page they are planting new churches and adding new members. However, there were three things that plagued the church. These same things attempt to quench the spirit of the church today. Let's learn study together...

Discussion:

I. An Elite Mindset Can Quench Our Faith

- A. Perfection in the Plan (Matthew 5:48, James 1:17, 2:1-13)
- B. Perfection in the Church (Hebrews 12:12-14, Matthew 21:31)
- C. Perfection in the Savior (Philippians 2:15, Matthew 19:21)
- D. Perfection in the Faith (Matthew 19:21, Matthew 5:29-30)
- E. Perfection in the Correction (Romans 12:9-10, Hebrews 12:14, Matthew 10:24)

III. An Egotistic Mindset Can Quench Our Faith

- A. Selfishness in the World (Philippians 2:3-4, I John 2:16)
- B. Selflessness in the Church (John 17:20-21, I Peter 2:9-10)
- C. Selfishness in the Disciples (John 13:35, John 15:8)
- D. Selfishness in the Light (John 9:5, Matthew 5:13-17)
- E. Selfishness in the Garbage (James 1:37, Acts 2:41-47, Acts 4:32-37)

III. An Evil Mindset Can Quench Our Faith

- A. Pride Despises God (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, I Samuel 15:23)
- B. Pride Defiles Man (Psalm 19:13, Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 13:10)
- C. Pride Divides People (Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 21:24, I Corinthians 1:10)
- D. Pride Dishonors Life (Isaiah 14, Philippians 2:5, Proverbs 18:12, Proverbs 29:23)
- E. Pride Destroys Souls (Proverbs 15:25, Proverbs 16:18-19, Proverbs 29:23)

Conclusion: We cannot afford to let anything quench our spiritual fire! God has given us His Word, He has poured out His Spirit, and given us all the signs to see His Will. The problem is that we have close our physical eyes and walk by faith. We need a faith on fire! Do you have that kind of faith?



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LESSON #11 **AN ATTENTIVE FAITH**

Introduction: **Romans 10:17** tells us that faith comes from “*hearing the Word of God.*” This means that we need to be attentive to the words of God. Are we too busy for the Word of God? We need to read the Word of God in order to establish our faith, but we also need to hear Him if we want to keep serving Him. In today’s lesson we are going to focus on why we should be hearing the Word of God. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. OUR ATTENTIVE FAITH IS ESSENTIAL

A. Attentive Faith Is Essential For Obedience

“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.” - Luke 17:6

B. Attentive Faith Is Essential For Salvation

“A person is made right with God through faith, not through obeying the law.” - Romans 3:28

C. Attentive Faith Is Essential For Godliness

“Since we have been made right with God by our faith, we have peace with God” - Romans 5:1

D. Attentive Faith Is Essential For Unity

“There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.” - Ephesians 4:5

E. Attentive Faith Is Essential For Good Works

“Abraham, our ancestor, was made right with God by what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar. So you see that Abraham’s faith and the things he did worked together. His faith was made perfect by what he did” - James 2:21-22

II. OUR FAITH CAN BE STOLEN IF WE ARE NOT ATTENTIVE

A. We Need A Faith That Stands

“To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.” - Psalm 25:1

B. We Need A Faith That Sustains

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” - Proverbs 3:5-6

C. We Need A Faith That Speaks

“Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” - Mark 11:22-24

D. We Need A Faith That Saves

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” - Ephesians 2:8-9

E. We Need A Faith That Seeks

“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.” - Hebrews 11:6

Conclusion: Paul said, “*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*” (**I Corinthians 15:58**). Are you ready to receive the Word of God? Do you have a strong faith? Let’s have an attentive faith!



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LESSON #12 ***A CHILD-LIKE FAITH***

Introduction: Jesus says that we need a childlike faith? (Matthew 18:3; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:17). What does that mean? When we take the first few steps of faith we really have no idea what is ahead in our Christian walk. We have made a pledge to become disciples of Christ. But what does it mean to faithfully follow Jesus? I want to share five things that we should know about our faithfulness to Christ. These are signs of a child-like faith. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Personal Faith

"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34)

II. Public Faith

"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it" (Mark 8:35)

III. Preserving Faith

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? (Mark 8:36)

IV. Passionate Faith

"Or what will a man give in exchange for His soul?" (Mark 8:37)

V. Professing Faith

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38)

Conclusion: Will you faithfully follow Jesus with a child-like faith? Are you prepared to make your faith living, active, and real? Your eternal joy and reward will depend on how you live your life. Remember the words of the Lord (Matthew 25:23). On Judgment Day will you be found "good and faithful" as a servant of God?



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LESSON #13 *A PLAY-DOH FAITH*

Introduction: Performing heart surgery is difficult. Jeremiah realized that Israel had a serious heart problem. God gives him a way to fix it. The Lord asks the people to be clay in His hands (**Jeremiah 18:1-6**). If they would have a sincere faith, and let God work with them, and not harden their hearts to Him, He would guide them back into the way of righteousness. What can we learn from this illustration? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. CREATION = The Lord Created Us

- A. God shares a specific illustration.
- B. God reveals a specific procedure.
- C. God describes a specific relationship.

II. RESTORATION = The Lord Re-Creates Us

- A. God discloses a flaw with His creation.
- B. God expresses a desire to renew His creation.
- C. God presents a perspective to give hope to His creation.

III. PRESENTATION = The Lord Uses Us

- A. God will separate us for His use.
- B. God will utilize us for His use.
- C. God will display us for His use.

Conclusion: You have to make a difficult choice. Will you fix your heart problem? Will you seek a play-doh faith? God has great plans for you, no matter where you are in life! Will you come to the Potter? Will you let him soften your heart? Will you allow God to shape you into something beautiful? God has great plans for you!!!