

A BETTER FAITH

2021: IT HAS TO BE BETTER – PART #8

Pastor Kevin Cummings – February 28, 2021

Hebrews 11:1-40

I. I must understand what it means to have _____ faith.

A. Faith is _____ when I don't see it. (v. 1-3)

"He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20

B. Faith is _____ when I want to keep it. (v. 4)

C. Faith is _____ to pleasing God. (v. 6)

- It's not so much the amount as it is the object of my faith.

D. Faith is _____ when I don't understand it. (v. 8-12)

E. Faith is _____ when I don't feel like it. (v. 13-29)

1. Successful people do what others don't feel like doing.
2. To accomplish the impossible we must see the invisible.
3. You don't have to understand it all to have faith.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

F. Faith is _____ God before I receive it. (v. 30-31)

- Faith is not believing God can do it or will do it; it is believing God is already doing it. (Mark 11:24)

G. Faith is _____ even if I don't get it. (v. 32-40)

1. Living by faith doesn't exempt you from problems.
2. If God were small enough for you to understand, He wouldn't be big enough for your problems.
3. God has something better planned for us – heaven.

II. I must understand the _____ of Biblical faith.

A. The test of _____. (v. 8)

1. This is the where test. (Genesis 12:1-5)
 - God wants us to follow Him no matter the obstacles, even if all the details aren't worked out.
2. A person with genuine Biblical faith will follow God's leading without knowing where.

B. The test of _____. (v. 9-10)

1. This is the when test.
 - God wants us to live our lives on His promises, not explanations.
2. A person with genuine Biblical faith will wait for God's timing without knowing when. (Psalm 27:14; 37:7; 38:15)

C. The test of _____. (v. 11-12)

1. This is the how test. (Genesis 17:1-5; 18:9-15)
2. A person with genuine Biblical faith will expect God to act without knowing how.

D. The test of _____. (v. 17-19)

1. This is the why test.
 - There is nothing wrong with asking God why as long as I trust Him, especially if He doesn't answer in the way or in the time I had hoped. (Psalm 10:1; 42:9; 43:2; Matthew 27:46; Acts 4:25; Romans 9:20; II Timothy 1:12)
2. A person with genuine Biblical faith will trust God without knowing why.

ACTION POINTS:

- 1.) Have you ever put _____ faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
Text: FBCYES to 77411
- 2.) If you have figured out all the where's, when's, how's and why's of life, you are _____ with genuine Biblical faith.

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B. Faith is giving when I want to keep it. (v. 4)

C. Faith is a key to pleasing God. (v. 6)

- It's not so much the amount as it is the object of my faith.

D. Faith is obeying when I don't understand it. (v. 8-12)

E. Faith is persisting when I don't feel like it. (v. 13-29)

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1. Living by faith doesn't exempt you from problems.
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II. I must understand the tests of Biblical faith.

A. The test of a major change. (v. 8)

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 - God wants us to follow Him no matter the obstacles, even if all the details aren't worked out.
2. A person with genuine Biblical faith will follow God's leading without knowing where.

B. The test of delay. (v. 9-10)

1. This is the when test.
 - God wants us to live our lives on His promises, not explanations.
2. A person with genuine Biblical faith will wait for God's timing without knowing when. (Psalm 27:14; 37:7; 38:15)

C. The test of an impossible situation. (v. 11-12)

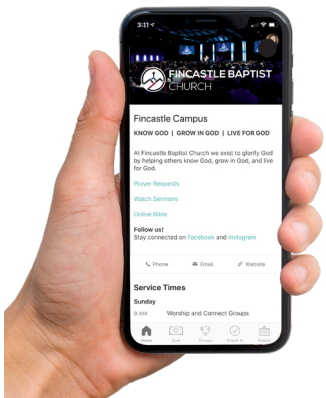
1. This is the how test. (Genesis 17:1-5; 18:9-15)
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1. This is the why test.
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HOW CAN I KNOW I AM GOING TO HEAVEN?

Step #1: Realize God loves you. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

Step #2: Realize you are separated from God because of sin. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
Our solution: People try to earn their way to heaven through good works, religion, morality, etc. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

God's solution: A relationship with Jesus Christ who died on the Cross and rose from the grave, paying the penalty for our sin. "...For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Step #3: Receive Jesus Christ as personal Savior. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

You may wish to use the sample prayer below. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

*"Dear God, I now believe that you love me, died on the cross and rose from the dead for my sins. I admit that I have sinned and I right now ask You to come into my life, forgive me, and take me to heaven whenever I die. I want to follow you as Lord for the rest of my life.
In Jesus Name, Amen."*

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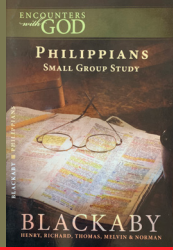
Do you have questions about things going on in our culture today including controversial topics? Pastor Kevin will be giving a Biblical response to some of your toughest questions in this study on Wednesdays, beginning March 3 at 6:15PM.

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BEGINNING MARCH 10

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