

FAITH TO MAKE IT Stressed – Part 6

ON TV: PICTURE – Wall Street Journal Article

ON TV/OUTLINE: “The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down.” Psalm 146:8

ON TV:

- **First:** We have to **honestly deal with the hurts** that we’ve been through.
- **Second:** We have to **intentionally live out the life** that God made us to live.

ON TV: There is no **faith that’s so great** that we don’t have to **look to God** for the healing of our hurts.

ON TV: There’s **no hurt so great** that it can **steal from you God’s promise and plan** for your life.

ON TV/OUTLINE: #1: By faith we **STEP OUT**.

ON TV: Faith always begins by **stepping out of the fears within us** that keep us from living the life that we know we should be living, that God has for us.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.*” Hebrews 11:8

ON TV: The unknown tends to keep us **paralyzed from moving**.

ON TV: We have to step out, even in the midst of the **unknown** and **stress** of life.

ON TV: If we don’t practice these two things, most likely we will **never step out in faith**.

ON TV: **First**, we must look at the **first step** and **not the whole journey**.

ON TV: We cannot **map out** our journey of faith.

ON TV: A journey of faith is not a map. It’s a **relationship of trusting God** for the next step.

ON TV: What’s your **next faith step**? What is God calling you to do that you **haven’t done yet**?

ON TV: **Second**, we must look at God and **not ourselves**.

ON TV: “Let us **keep our eyes fixed on Jesus**, on whom our faith depends, from beginning to end.” Hebrews 12:2

ON TV/OUTLINE: #2: By faith we **STAY**

ON TV/OUTLINE: “9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” Hebrews 11:9-10

ON TV: Faith is not just about learning **how to get to** the Promised Land. Faith is learning **how to live in** the Promised Land.

ON TV: Do you want to live with the problems that go along with **living a selfish life**, or do you want to live with the problems that go along with **living a faith in God centered life**?

ON TV: The key is **learning how to have faith in the routine**, not how to wipe out the routine of life.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Abraham did this because he was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.” Hebrews 11:40

ON TV: We build our present on the **foundations of the future**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: #3: By faith we **SUCCEED**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “11 By faith Abraham, even though he was past age -- and Sarah herself was barren -- was enabled to become a father because **he considered him faithful who had made the promise**. 12 And so, from this one man, and he **as good as dead**, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.” Hebrews 11:11-12

ON TV: Faith always comes **through struggle**.

ON TV: I'll have to **settle for less**.

ON TV: God is my **help**.

ON TV: “He took Abram outside and said, ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars -- if indeed you can count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘**So shall your offspring be**.’” Genesis 15:5

ON TV: I'll have to **get it myself**.

ON TV: I'll choose to **trust in God**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: #4: By faith we **SACRIFICE**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, ‘It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.’ 19 **Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead**, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.” Hebrews 11:17-19

ON TV: “God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood, so that **by faith in him we could come to God**.” Romans 3:25

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Be **full of love for others**, following the example of Christ who loved you and gave himself to God as a sacrifice to take away your sins.” Ephesians 5:2