



WHAT TO DO WITH JESUS

Part 2 - Looking Unto Jesus

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HEBREWS 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

INTRODUCTION:

The writer to the Hebrews is giving us reasons to believe in Jesus Christ, in chapter 11 he records all the people of the OT that were models of faith for us to follow, finally he gives Jesus Christ as the main example of a life of faith in God. Faith is simply taking God at His Word. We are given three reasons to Look Unto Jesus, He is the Object of Our Faith, The Example of Faith and the Developer of our Faith. Last weeks message on the Object of our Faith can be obtained in the bookstore on cd or listen to it on the FCI app.

Today, Jesus The Example of Faith

HEBREWS 12:2

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NUMBER 1. Faith is **Confirmed** by Joy.

A. Salvation is accompanied by Joy.

LUKE 2:10-11

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

B. Happiness vs. Joy, Joy is a spiritual reality.

ROMANS 14:17

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

C. The Joy of Salvation, we have the Presence of God

PSALMS 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

D. The Joy of Knowledge

JEREMIAH 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

- Saved from the Penalty of Sin

ROMANS 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Saved from the Power of Sin

EPHESIANS 2:1-5

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the ^{1a}course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

- Saved from the Presence of Sin

2 PETER 3:13

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

E. The Joy of Privilege

JOHN 16:23-24

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

F. The Joy of Productivity

JOHN 15:8,11

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples....."These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

NUMBER 2. Faith **Continues** Under Trial.

JOHN 17:4

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

A. Jesus was on assignment on earth.

B. Fulfill the law. **MATTHEW 5:17** offer a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

MATTHEW 5:17

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

HEBREWS 12:3-4

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

HEBREWS 4:14-15

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we are, yet without sin.

C. Recruit and train his disciples.

MATTHEW 4:19

Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

- D. He faced, persecution, accusation, betrayal, but He continued till the job was done.
- E. We have similar challenges but real faith never quits.

JAMES 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

NUMBER 3. Faith Commits the Outcomes to God.

- A. After Jesus completed His obedience to God, He committed Himself to God.

LUKE 23:46

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.' " Having said this, He breathed His last.

- B. We must do the same in our lives. God will do His part

NUMBERS 23:19

"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?"

ROMANS 13:2

Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will [bring](#) judgment on themselves.

NUMBER 4. Faith Collects the Reward.

- A. Savior and Lord.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-10

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

CONCLUSION:**ROMANS 10:9-10**

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.