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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

Video Clip: Memorial Day

Dear God, We thank you for the freedom you have given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free. We remember today. The cost of it all. The great sacrifice for freedom.

We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation. We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families. We pray that you would be gracious and encircle them with your peace. We pray for your great favor and goodness to be evident in their lives.

Be with all those who wear the uniform, who serve our communities and nation every single day. We ask that you provide your protection, that you would be their guiding force who leads the way, and their rear guard who keeps them safe from behind. We ask that you would draw them to yourself amidst the dangers they face in a dark world, for you are the Truth, you are the Way, you are the Light.

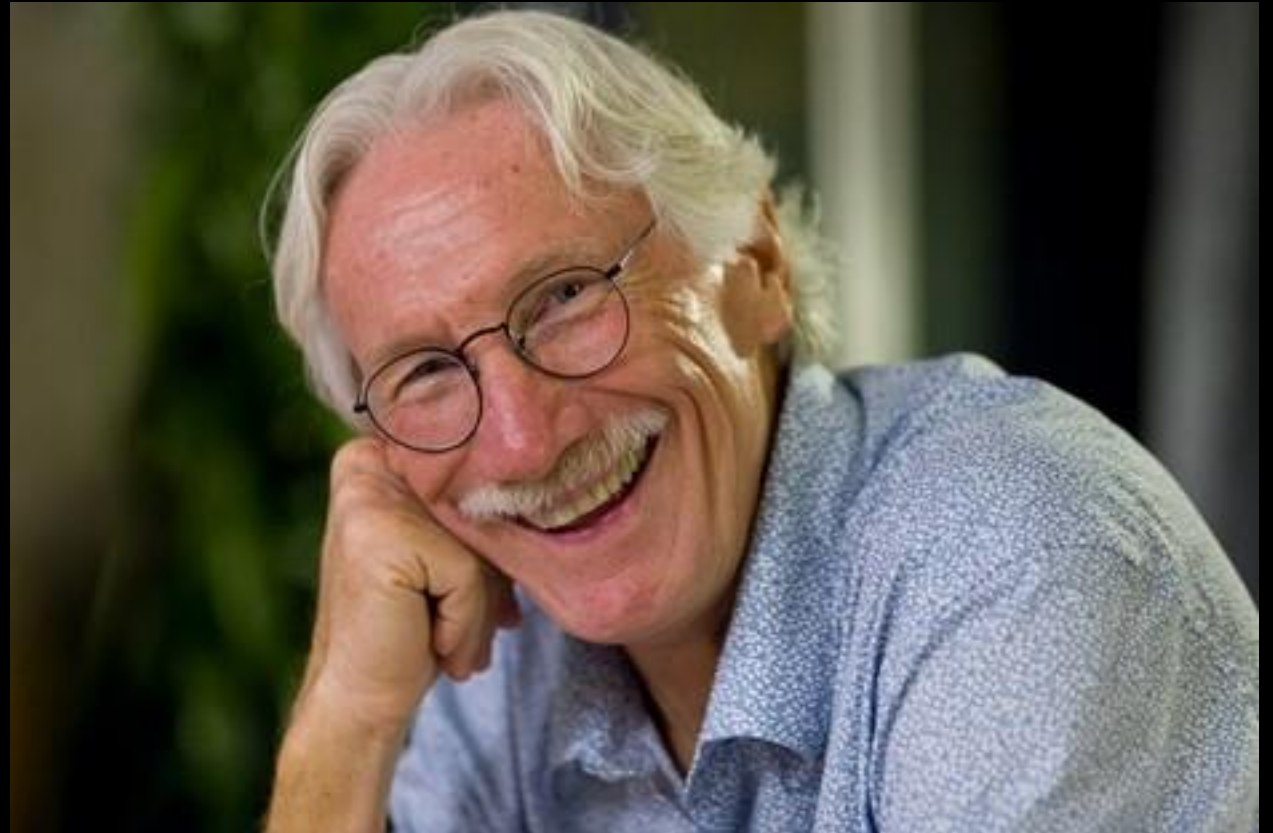
**Floyd McClung,
International Missions Leader and Author, Dies at 75**

Floyd Lee McClung, Jr., global missions leader, bestselling author and international speaker, died on Saturday, May 29, 2021 in Cape Town, South Africa, after an extended illness he had battled since 2016, and which had left him incapacitated, hospitalized and unable to speak for over five years.

He was 75.

In his more than 50 years in full-time ministry, McClung lived in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, worked on every continent except Antarctica, and authored 18 books, including the international bestseller

The Father Heart of God- which has sold an estimated two million-plus copies in nearly 40 languages.





Crazy, Relentless



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Chapter 9:

"A Good Movie
or
A Good Life?"



Crazy Love

Hebrews 11

Hebrews

Written by Paul (Barnabas, Luke) as a warning to early Jewish believers (Hebrews) who, because of persecution and hardship, were pulled strongly toward reverting to the Old Testament way of Life.

Hebrews 11:1-39

(NLT)

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Verse 1

(AMP)

Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].

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³ **By faith** we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

⁴ **It was by faith** that **Abel** brought a more acceptable offering to God than **Cain** did. Abel’s offering **gave evidence** that he **was a righteous man**, and God showed His approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith.

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Genesis 5:23-24



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Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.



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“he disappeared, because God took him.”

For before he was taken up, he was known as *a person who pleased God*.

⁶ And *it is impossible to please God without faith*. Anyone who wants to come to Him *must believe that God exists* and that *He rewards those who sincerely seek Him*.

⁷ *It was by faith* that **Noah** built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and *he received the righteousness that comes by faith*.

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⁸ **It was by faith** that **Abraham** obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

⁹ And even when he reached the land God promised him, **he lived there by faith**—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did **Isaac** and **Jacob**, who inherited the same promise

¹⁰ Abraham was confidently **looking forward** to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

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¹¹ **It was by faith** that **even Sarah** was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. **She believed that God would keep His promise.** ¹² And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

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¹³ *All these people died* still believing *what God had promised them.*

They did not receive what was promised, but

they *saw it all* from *a distance* and *welcomed it.*

They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth.

¹⁴ Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own.

¹⁵ *If they had longed for the country* they came from,

they could have gone back. ¹⁶ But *they were looking for a better place,*

a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called

their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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¹⁷ **It was by faith** that **Abraham** offered **Isaac** as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God’s promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, ¹⁸ even though God had told him, “Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted.”

¹⁹ **Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again.** And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

²⁰ **It was by faith** that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, **Jacob** and **Esau**.

²¹ **It was by faith** that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff.



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²² **It was by** faith that **Joseph**, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left.

²³ **It was by faith** that **Moses' parents** hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.

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²⁴ **It was by faith** that **Moses**, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. ²⁵ He chose to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for *he was looking ahead to his great reward.*

²⁷ **It was by faith** that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. ²⁸ **It was by faith** that Moses commanded the people of Israel *to keep the Passover* and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons.

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²⁹ **It was by faith** that the **people of Israel** went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned.

³⁰ **It was by faith** that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down.

³¹ **It was by faith** that **Rahab** the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

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³² How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of **Gideon**, **Barak**, **Samson**, **Jephthah**, **David**, **Samuel**, and **all the prophets**.

³³ **By faith** these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their ***weakness*** was ***turned*** to ***strength***. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.

³⁵ Women received their loved ones back again from death.



Crazy Love - Chapter 9

“A Good *Movie* or A Good *Life*?”

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But others



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were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection.

³⁶ Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons. ³⁷ Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated.

³⁸ They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.

Hebrews 11:39-40

³⁹ These were all commended for **their faith**, yet none of them **received** what had been **promised**. God had planned something **better for us** so that only **together with us** would **they** be made perfect.



St. John in Exile

-Dean Jones

1986

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Hebrews 12:1-3

(NLT)

Therefore,

since **we are surrounded** by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And **let us run** with **endurance the race** God has set before us.



Hebrews 12:1-3

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² We do this by **keeping our eyes on Jesus**, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Because of **the joy awaiting** Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He **is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne**.

³ **Think** (*contemplate*-To consider carefully and at length; meditate on or ponder) of all the **hostility He endured** from sinful **people**; then **you won't become weary and give up**.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Follow *my* example,
as *I* follow the *example* of *Christ*.



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