

Daring Faith Pt 1 – Building a Life of Faith
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Week 1: Building a Life of Faith

Good morning church, I am excited to launch into the first week of a six-week series call Daring faith. I honestly believe that this series has the potential to change your life.

Whether your new to the faith or a veteran in the faith we are all constantly allowing the Holy Spirit to Build a life of faith within in us. The kingdom of God with in us.

Building a Life of Faith

Open your bibles to Hebrews 11

Sunset Vision

Our Christianity is so safe

This is going to stretch you.

Daring Faith.

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Would you be willing to commit yourself to the process of intentionally engaging with this material? Give us 6 weeks. Commit to not missing a Sunday, if possible. We also encourage you to join a small group or grab a friend and process the content of this material together for an hour a week during the duration of this series. Over the years we have experienced just how vital and helpful a small group can be in growing in your faith. You can still sign up.

Hebrew chapter 11 is called the hall of fame of faith. It's the stories of many believers how built a life of faith on the promises of God. They had nothing in their past experience or their current circumstances to go on other than the fact that God said it. And they believed.

Read Hebrews 11:1-10

What does "building a life of faith", look like?

1. Faith is believing when I don't see it.

You're going to see a theme here, they had nothing in their past experience or their current circumstances to inform the action they would take in their lives other than the fact that God said it.

- Starting a business
- Starting a family
- Feeling lead to pray for someone
- Witnessing opportunity

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

For anything to be created a product, a company, a ministry, a school. Someone had to see it before it existed.

The world says I have to see it to believe it, but faith says I believe it because he said it.

Petra was birth from the faith of Pastor Lester and Erma, and the small group of people that believed with them that God wanted to build a barn for the harvest.

Faith is believing when I don't see it.

The story of Gideon in Judges chapter 6 "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." nothing in their past experience or their current circumstances to inform his actions other than God said so.

What do you do when God calls you something you have never been called before?

2. Faith is obeying when I don't understand it.

Have you ever had God ask you to do something that you didn't understand?

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

But I really prefer to have all of the information. Anyway, isn't that wise? There comes a point in time in ever decision that we make, that we realize that even with the most diligent preparation you will be faced with a moment of decisions when you simply do not have all of the information.

Hebrews 11:7-8 ⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family.

Noah's Story is found in Genesis Chapter 6

Land locked, Rain?

He had nothing in their past experience or their current circumstances to inform the action they would take in their lives other than the fact that God said it.

⁸ 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.

Abrahams story is found in Genesis chapter 12

Stories like this are always great when they are over.

Story about going into youth ministry

obeying when I don't understand it Whatever you what faith

3. Faith is giving when I don't have it.

There are times, in the life of a believer that God will ask you to invest your time, energy and money into things that you have not previously intended.

Hebrews 11:4 ⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings.

There was something about Abel offering to God that was different than Cains the bible says it was faith. It wasn't the amount it was the attitude.

It's one thing to give when you have some to spare, it's another to give when you don't know where it's coming from. That giving by fiath.

4. Faith is persisting when I don't feel like it.

Hebrews 11:24-27 ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

People of faith cannot be governed by feelings

5. Faith is thanking God before I receive it.

Thanking God for something he did after he does it is gratitude but it's not faith, faith is thanking him in advance.

Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

Walked around for 7 day silently and gave a shout of praise before the walls came down.

If you have a clear word from the lord that he is going to do something building a life of faith means engaged in the practice of thanking him before it even happens.

6. Faith is trusting even if I don't get it.

I'm sure we don't have to search very far to find stories of God doing things that don't make sense to us, even things that are painful, Faith is trusting even when I don't get it.

The bible has a special phrase for these people.

Hebrews 11:38-40; ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,

these were people who knew God and loved God and followed God and never received in this life the things they believed for. Trusting when the surgery doesn't go the way they planned, you don't get the job...

How do you build a life of faith?

Building your faith by knowing and memorizing scripture.

Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes through hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Build your faith through trials and hardship.

1 Peter 1:7

⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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