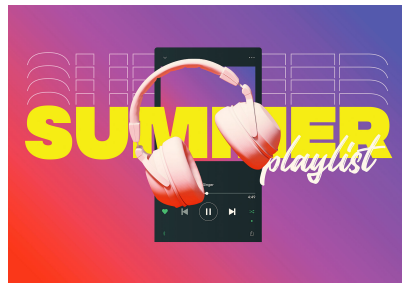


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Forward in Faith

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
August 19, 2021



How are you feeling about moving forward into the Fall?

- **Our ability to move forward in life is inextricably linked to our confidence in the future.**

- **The key to moving forward is having faith in the right thing.**

The Bible defines Faith as “being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

Romans 4:13-23 (NLT) Clearly, God’s promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God’s law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith. ¹⁴ If God’s promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless. ¹⁵ For the law always brings punishment on those who try to obey it. (The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!) ¹⁶ So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham’s. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. ¹⁷ That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!” ¹⁹ And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.

Big Idea: We can Move Forward in Faith because God Keeps His Promises.

What is this promise and how does it impact me?

- **The promise involves God’s Kingdom.**

v. 13 “to give the whole earth” is an extension of Gen. 1:28 “To be fruitful and multiply”

v. 13 “right relationship w. God”

“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.” Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)

- **The promise comes by grace through faith.**

v. 13 “not on obedience to God’s law, but on a right relationship...through faith”

v. 16 “So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham’s. For Abraham is the father of all who believe.”

- **The promise is for everyone who believes.**

v. 16 “For Abraham is the father of all who believe.”

v. 17 “Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations.”

- **The promise is based on the character of God and His Word.**

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We can Move Forward in Faith because God Keeps His Promises.

- **Place your faith in God who keeps His promises.**

- **Anchor yourself in the goodness of God & surrender your life to His plan.**

- **Step out in faith and go where He leads you with confidence.**



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#6 of 7 - August, 2021**

1) Last week we talked about the Key to the Kingdom is being like a little child. How did you apply this truth this past week? What has God been teaching you in this regard?

2) How are you feeling about the Fall season?

3) Read Romans 4:1-23 What is the context for this passage?

4) What do you observe about God, faith, and grace in this passage? How is Abraham the "Father of Faith"?

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