

•Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

•And without faith it is impossible to please him... Hebrews 11:6

•And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 1 John 5:4

•If faith is the substance of the thing I hope for... If you don't have the hope, faith has no job.

•The reason it's becoming increasingly difficult to get people to come to church is they have lost hope.

•I know you've lost hope because I can tell by the way you eat that you've lost hope. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God but when your faith has nothing to do, you're not hungry.

•What drives you to come to church is so that you can feed your faith.

•But if your HOPE isn't doing anything your FAITH isn't hungry.

•If there's nothing in front of you, if you're just going through the motions and your life is just ritualistic and routine, you're not even listening to me this morning.

•The only people who are really listening to me are people that are involved in a process, in a fight, in a battle.

• **Hope Feeds Faith. Faith Brings Victory.**

•**Hope is an expected end.**

•We've got all this teaching about faith, faith, faith. But we're talking to people who have **settled**.

Pioneers Vs Settlers

A Settle Spirit

•In a court case when a court case is being litigated many times before you go into litigation, they'll give you an opportunity to settle. And a lot of people settle not because they're innocent or guilty they settle because it costs so much to litigate the case. ***You will settle the case because you don't want to pay the cost.***

•Settle relationships. Settle for less.

•Settle for Honda when you wanted Lexus.

•Settle to lose 5 lbs. when you wanted to lose 10.

•All around me I see people who settle. It drives me crazy. Who settle with less than what God promised them. Who just made do out of their life.

A Pioneer Faith

•Pioneers- ONE MORE THING!

•*"Why did you want to climb Mount Everest?" with the retort, "Because it's there" George Mallory*

•I'm going to preach something and build something. I'm going to make something happen. I am not going to live and die and not leave anything in the earth as a sign I was here. I'm going to build something. I'm going to leave some sort of sign that my children and my children's children will know that when I passed through the world, the Lord was with me.

•**You're about to get the t-shirt.**

•There are some places in God that once you go through them you can never go back to being who you were before.

•**This is the victory even...**

• **If FEAR settles, FAITH PIONEERS!**

•**Don't Settle**

•The enemy's doing his best to get you to settle.

•*You're kids in church, it's ok if they struggle with addiction.*

•*You only get drunk one time a month. Used to be 3x.*

•I like to run with people that will not take no for an answer. I like to run with people that refuse to settle on less than the best for what God has in your life.

☑ **I will not settle!**

•Even if I have to start over. Even if it took longer than I expected.

•**HOPE IS AN EXPECTED END!**

•The devil may try to hit me (doubt, fear, sickness,) That'll leave a mark. But Faith says- that may have left a mark but you're going to get back up and **MAKE A MARK!**

•*10 years from now make sure you chose your life, you didn't settle for it!*

•**There's more of the LESS Life than there is the BEST LIFE.**

•Don't choose it just because there's more of it.

•**I won't settle for anything less than... FINISH IT!**

•*You cannot judge what's in you by what you see around you.*