

Welcome to Faith

April 30, 2023

Church Family Night

Join us May 7 at 5pm at Faith East for Church Family Night. New member/update photos will be in Jeremy Vegter's office from 4:15-4:45pm.

Caleb's Kin

Senior adults - Join our monthly fellowship at 10am on Monday, May 1 at the Senior Living Clubhouse for an uplifting musical concert presented by Faith Christian School's Ministry Chorale and a delicious catered meal. The cost is \$5 for the meal, but first-time guests eat for free (as do any seniors for whom the cost is a hardship). Questions? Contact Alisha Vegter (765) 350-0919 or Roseanna Beecher (765) 337-1699.

Introduction to Faith

Intro to Faith is a great opportunity to get to know others in the church, connect with the pastors, learn key doctrine, and ask questions. Class continues this Wednesday, 6:30pm, at Faith East in the Music Suite.

Spring Women's Seminar

Ladies, we ourselves have experienced or we know of others who have experienced unjust suffering. Often, this trial challenges our minds and hearts when we try to reconcile how God allows this in His sovereignty. At the spring women's seminar, May 6, we will learn about the Hese love of Christ and how this helps us respond well to unjust suffering. All ladies are welcome to attend! Bring your Bible! Sign up online at faithlafayette.org/women, at a table in the foyer, or contact Lorri Wiegand at lbwiegand@comcast.net.

Children's Ministry

2^{YR} - 5TH grade

Pastor Trey and his friends will be uploading encouraging videos at faithlafayette.org/kidsvids.

You can find this week's online children's Sunday School lesson at blogs.faithlafayette.org/faithkids. You can use the ideas below to discuss the lesson as a family.

JESUS CALLS THE DISCIPLES

READ: Matthew 4:12-25

ASK YOUR CHILD:

- What did Jesus ask His disciples to do? *"Follow Me."*
- What did Jesus promise to make His disciples? *Fishers of men.*
- What was Jesus' message? *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE: Jesus calls people to Himself.

Therefore, we should follow Him and urge others to do the same.

PRACTICE:

- Follow Jesus as Lord and obey His Word.
- Cultivate a relationship with Jesus through Bible study and prayer.
- Share the hope Jesus offers with others.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Matthew 8:18, 23-34

MEMORIZE FOR APR 30-MAY 28: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:8-9** (ESV)*

*Preschool verse in bold

Last Week's Offering - \$112,797.12
Weekly Budget - \$74,195
Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,971

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Hope in Everyday Suffering
Hope Because of the Testing of God
1 Peter 4:12-19

4 natural expectations that every child of God should have during our time here on earth

I. God Will Bring _____ of His Children (v. 12, 17)

A. An expected part of life – “Do not be surprised”

“surprised” – to cause a strong psychological reaction through introduction of something new or strange, astonish

B. A part of what God has designed for His people specifically – “time for judgement to begin with the household of God”

Genesis 22:1 - *Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”*

C. A “fiery” ordeal

II. God Will _____ and _____ His Children’s True Allegiances (v. 14-16)

1 Peter 4:14-16 - *If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.*

A. The primary testing or suffering that is revealing in our lives is because of a specific identity that we claim.

1. Reviled for the name of Christ
2. Suffers as a Christian
3. Glorify God in this name

Matthew 7:21-23 - *Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?” And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.”*

B. The suffering because of natural consequence of sinful choices (murderer, thief, evildoer, troublesome meddler) while instructive to us is not revealing of our professed identity.

1 Peter 2:20 - *For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience?*

1 Peter 3:17 - *For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.*

III. God’s Life of Faith _____ in His Children Is Part of Your Assurance (v. 13, 14, 16, 18)

- “At the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation”
- “You are blessed”
- “The Spirit of His glory and of God rests on you”

IV. God Will Do What Is Right Through the _____ (v. 19)

1 Peter 4:19 - *Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.*

1 Peter 2:4-7 - *And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.” This precious value, then, is for you who believe.*