Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson #39

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: Walking with Great Confidence Part 1

Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Scripture text: Hebrews 11:1-22

Faith in Action

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

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. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

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. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled

to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” 19 Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

Things to know:

-Without Faith it is Impossible to please God

-The Lord desires that we walk by Faith

-Jesus is patient

-Falling and getting up again is part of the learning process- John 21:15-17

- The Holy Spirit teaches us, it is our responsibility to study scripture to learn the nature of God and His promises.

-Sanctification is a process

Group Exercise: How many times do you read "By Faith"

Put your answer in the Chat if you can.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you believe Faith is "wishful thinking? Why or Why not? Vs 1-3
2. What is more important to the Father obedience or sacrifice? Vs 4
3. What was Enoch's testimony? Why is it impossible to please God without faith? What else should we believe Vs 5-6
4. What is an example of Noah's faith? Vs 7
5. Why is Abraham known as the "father of faith" Vs 8-10. Are you willing to follow Abraham's example?
6. Does your body tell you something different than your faith? What was Sarah's body able to do? How? Vs 11-12
7. What did Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Issac, Jacob and Joseph have in common? Where is the believer's homeland? Vs 13-16
8. Should our Faith waiver in times of test, trial, or tribulation? Vs 17-19
9. How long are we to believe? Vs 20-22

Faith in Action:

Keep believing, Keep trusting. God Will do what He has promised (not always what we want).

Settle into your Faith walk…it's a lifelong journey

Call someone for prayer this week

Reach out to a young person and encourage them to worship God with you. (In Prayer, Bible Study, Sunday Service, Church event)

Challenge of the Week:

Make intentional time to worship God in Prayer (focus on His faithfulness, Holiness, Protection, and Patience with you)

Or

Have a Praise break for 15 minutes each day (sing to music, dance, clap, recite scripture in a rhythm)

Scripture Application:

James 1:3- Remember this scripture during challenging times

2 Corinthians 5:7-What does this look like each day?

James 1:6 -Can this be done? How?

Closing Prayer: