Series: Faith It Until You Make It

Topic: The Reward of Faith Text(s): Hebrews 11:1-3 Date: November 17, 2024



Introduction

Last week we delved into a conversation that is deeply personal to many of us. I admit that it was a grueling process of self-reflection for me, and I hope you had some time to think through your views of money and how to escape its traps to make us its servant. Today we crown the series of faith it until you make it and for the entire month we have been talking about faith in a variety of forms. So today, I want to endeavor to answer the question, "why does all these things about faith matter? In a sermon I have entitled: The Reward of Faith.

God's enduring faithfulness

- God rewards our faithfulness in eternal life. Matthew 25:21
 - Eternal life is the kingdom of God and its principles.
- The reward of our faithfulness is worth the fight to maintain our faith. Hebrews 6:4-6
 - To hold in contempt is "willful disobedience to or open disrespect. In a general sense if you hold someone in contempt it simply means that you despise or strongly disapprove of them.
- God is faithful Hebrews 6:10; Hebrew 6:16-20

The Training of Your Faith

- Abrahams life prior to God shows the potential of his faithfulness.
 - Terah name Abram meaning "Exalted father"
- When circumstance out-ways the promise chose to trust God Genesis 15;1-6
- God orchestrates and sustains our journey of faith. Our charge is to trust. Genesis 15:7-8
 - o Our faith is first birth in God and release to us for our obedience.
- Faithfulness is rewarded physically and eternally Genesis 22
 - o God uses rational things to test our faith.
 - Child sacrifices to a deity was viewed a normal way of worship.

Showing Yourself Faithful

- Prove your faithfulness to God not by mere word by actions and speeches of faith Luke 16:10
- Look to the faithfulness of God as fuel for your faith in Him. Hebrews 10:23
- Hold on your faithfulness to the Crown of life is for only the faithful. Revelation 2:10

Conclusion

The bottom line is that God is faithful and when we walk with him in faith, He rewards us both in this life and the next life. His divine providence orchestrates our journey of faith and sustain our faith. Our simple yet difficult mandate is trusting God despite our circumstance. His promises are sure, His principles and laws are firm. If we endeavor to be faithful to Him, we will reap the reward of the faith which is the crown of life.

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