

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What do you think about this quote by Billy Graham? "The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith."

2. What is the greatest step of faith that you have taken in the last three (3) months, which required God to show up?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. Read Hebrews 10:36-39.
 - a. Who is the writer of Hebrews speaking to?

 - b. What did these people risk?

 - c. What are your thoughts about the passage?

 - d. Have you ever been tempted to dial back your faith?

4. What do you think of this quote? Agree or disagree? "We live in a culture that has, for centuries now, cultivated the idea that the skeptical person is always smarter than one who believes. You can almost be as stupid as a cabbage as long as you doubt." (Dallas Willard, *Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God*).

5. Read Hebrews 11:1 in at least three different bible versions.
 - a. What does this verse say about faith?

 - b. Are you willing to do whatever God asks of you to do?

 - c. If God told you to share your faith with someone, would you do it?

- d. Why do you think we hesitate?
 - e. Do you think there are times we want credit for faith, without ever taking a true faith step?
6. Read Hebrews 11:2-6. What role does faith play in approaching and pleasing God?
7. Read Hebrews 11:7-12. What are your thoughts on the great men mentioned in these verses?
8. Read Hebrews 11:17-31.
- a. If the words, "By Faith" were before your name, what would be said about your life?
 - b. What would you like it to say?

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Is the word, "faith" essential when describing your life?
- The ESSENCE OF FAITH is to trust the character of God.
- Here's what you need to understand...the *CLOSER* you are to Jesus, the *EASIER* it will be for you to have faith.
- It requires faith to walk with God. You can't get around it.