HEBREWS 11:1-6

SERMON SUMMARY | PASTOR JAY STONEKING

A Saving Faith & A God-Pleasing Faith

Main Idea

Biblical faith rests on God's character and promises, receives salvation through Christ, and grows into a daily walk that pleases Him.

Sermon in Brief

Hebrews 11:1-6 describes faith in relation to God's promises and the realities we cannot yet see. Pastor Jay points to the Creator's power as a reason for confidence, then considers Abel and Enoch. Abel is commended for his faith, and his story leads us to examine whether we are resting in Christ or relying on our own works.

Enoch's life shows the importance of walking with God. Faith shapes our relationship with Him each day as we listen to His Word, pray, and obey. This faithful walk can also leave a testimony that encourages the next generation.

Main Points

1. A Definition of Faith - verses 1-2. Faith rests on God's trustworthiness and promises.

2. A Faith Grounded in the Power of God - verse 3. The Creator is able to accomplish His purposes.

3. A Saving Faith - verse 4. Rest in Christ's saving work, rather than your own achievements.

4. A Faith Pleasing to God - verses 5-6. Seek Him and walk with Him daily.

Memory Verse

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” - Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

Key Quotes

“We aren't saved by our works. We're saved by Jesus.”

“The Christian life isn't spent standing still. It's a walk with Jesus.”

“You don't have to be a pastor to leave a legacy.”

- Pastor Jay Stoneking

Reflect & Respond

• One promise I need to understand and trust is…

• One area where I have relied on my own goodness is…

• One ordinary moment I can use for prayer and obedience is…

• One person I can encourage by my example is…

Walk by Faith This Week

Read Hebrews 11:1-6 daily. Choose a regular moment for prayer and a deliberate response to Scripture.

Day 1. Remember - Hebrews 11:1-2: Name a truth about God that gives confidence beyond what you see.

Day 2. Look - Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 19:1: Notice creation and thank God for His power and care.

Day 3. Rest - Ephesians 2:8-10: Thank Christ for saving grace; identify a good work that expresses gratitude.

Day 4. Walk - Genesis 5:21-24: Ask how to walk with God through today's responsibilities.

Day 5. Grow - Colossians 2:6-7: Where do you need to be more deeply rooted in Christ?

Day 6. Seek - Hebrews 11:6: Pray and listen to God's Word; ask for a deeper desire to know Him.

Day 7. Encourage - 2 Timothy 1:5: Thank someone whose faith encourages you, or encourage another believer.

Prayer prompt: Where do I need to replace self-reliance with trust in Christ today?

Prayer: Father, help me trust Your promises, rest in Christ's finished work, and walk with You today. Grow my love and obedience, and use my life to encourage others. Amen.

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