

Text: Hebrews 11:1-12:4

The Winning Perspective that the church must have is faith.

BY FAITH...

Food for Thought for the week of September 18, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

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1. How did this week's message speak to, encourage, challenge, or convict you?
2. The Biblical characters discussed in this message experienced turbulent beginnings, but were mightily used by God to do great things as a result of their faith. Where has God used you to bless, challenge, or encourage someone as a result of your faith and obedience? (Read Colossians 3:12-17)
3. Saint Augustine said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." Where have you tangibly seen God work in your life this last week?
4. In Hebrews 11, the author talks about how Moses gave up riches and personal pursuit of power in Egypt in exchange for a faith in God who called him to something higher and deeper. What things have you given up in order to pursue an authentic faith in God? What things do you still need to surrender? How can we come alongside one another and help strip those weights? (Read Hebrews 12:1-3, 1st Corinthians 9:24-25)
5. Hebrews 12 discusses how we're surrounded by a cloud of witnesses and that Jesus called us into a radical life of obedience in a dark world. How can we position ourselves to live radically as a result of our faith? What does that look like practically speaking?
6. Take time to identify and pray through ways in which you can be a witness to your neighbors, friends, family, coworkers, and roommates - serving them in the love reflected by Jesus.

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