

## LESSON 4: FAITH TOWARD GOD

### DAY 22

1. What is faith? (Hebrews 11:1)

**P2P:** Faith is the *substance* and the *evidence* of things not yet seen. Humanly, our lives are composed of things we accept by faith, things which are good (e.g. serving others is better than living selfishly) and things which are evil (e.g. doing whatever I want is what brings me lasting happiness).

2. Read Hebrews 11:6 to answer the following questions.
  - a. What does it look like to have faith that pleases God?
  - b. What are the things we must believe to please God? Why do you think God declares it is impossible to please Him without this faith?
  - c. Have you stopped to consider how you cannot come to God if you don't have faith? Really consider the words of this verse. How vital is faith?
3. Read Hebrews 3:7-4:2 to answer the following questions.
  - a. What happens when we live life without faith?

- b. What was the reason the Israelites could not enter into the promised rest?
  
  - c. What was the reason the gospel preached to the Israelites did not profit them?
  
  - d. How did a lack of faith manifest itself in the lives of the Israelites? What do you see as the link between unbelief and disobedience?
4. What happens when we ask God for things without faith? (James 1:5-8)

**MEDITATE** Asking God for things in faith, and believing you will receive the things for which you ask, is essential to receiving them. Refer to Lesson 3, Question 15, to review God's promises to answer your prayers when you ask for anything according to His will, believing you will receive it.

**PRAY** Thank God for giving you sufficient evidence to believe He exists. Believe that God will reward you for diligently seeking Him. Praise God for recording the story of the Israelites and the outcome of their lack of faith. Ask God to strengthen your faith so you can believe you will receive the things you request of Him.

**DAY 23**

5. Read John 3:16 and Romans 3:21-26 to answer the following questions.

a. In whom or what does God want us to have faith?

**P2P:** Do you truly believe in Jesus and that what He did applies to you personally?

b. What are the things these verses declare God grants to those who believe?

**P2P:** Do you believe that you have been forgiven of your sins? Made just in the sight of God? Made righteous in His sight? Given the gift of eternal life?

6. How does faith play a role in salvation? (Romans 10:5-13)

**P2P:** How does confessing Jesus manifest itself in your life?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-23 to answer the following questions.
  - a. What does having faith in His resurrection produce?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What assurance do you have because of Jesus' resurrection and your faith in His resurrection?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Who do we become by our faith in God? (John 1:12-13; Galatians 3:26)

**MEDITATE** Meditate on being a child of God. Do you truly believe you are the child of God? If not, why not? Are there any things in your life that prevent you from truly and fully believing you are the child of God?

**PRAY** Spend time thanking God for allowing you to become one of His children. Give Him praise for all the work Jesus did on your behalf and the promises you can claim by faith. Hold on to the future hope of your own resurrection because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead.

**DAY 24**

9. Read Romans 1:16-17 and Romans 10:14-17 to answer the following questions.

a. How do we develop faith?

**P2P:** How important is the gospel message in developing faith toward God and receiving the things that come from that faith? How strongly do you believe in the gospel message?

b. If faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, how vital is hearing God's word to you? Do you believe that God's word will grow your faith toward Him?

10. Read Galatians 2:20. How does living by faith manifest itself in our lives?

**P2P:** How do we crucify ourselves and live by the faith of the Son of God in our daily lives? What does that look like?

11. Read James 2:14-26 to answer the following questions.

a. What is the relationship between faith and works?



**P2P:** In what ways does this manifest itself in your life?

**PRAY**

Praise and glorify God for giving us the gospel message so you can be saved and have faith in Him! Thank God for His Word so your faith can be strengthened. Ask the Father to help you be crucified with Jesus Christ and not obey the lusts of the flesh. Offer yourself in service to Him to perform good works by faith.

**DAY 25**

13. What specifically do you need to know and believe about God? (1 John 4:13-16)

**P2P:** Do you know and believe the love that God has for you and for all His people? What does it mean to believe the love that God has for you? How does this change your approach to life?

**MEDITATE**

Read and meditate on Proverbs 3:5-10. Trusting God is an essential part of having faith toward God. Do you believe that His ways are perfect and right, even better than your own? Do you trust God enough to lay down what you think, your own opinions about what is right, to embrace what He teaches is right? It is critical for you to know and believe that what God teaches us is born out of His love for you and out of His perfect wisdom and understanding.

In our questions of faith, believing in God's love means we believe He cares about us in all things, at all times. We trust and believe in His perfect love. We believe first that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. We believe that He sent His Son to die for us. When we do so, we believe that He forgives all our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. We then believe that He makes us just in His sight and that He imputes His very righteousness unto us. We then live by that faith, turning from our sinful ways and turning to God, to have faith toward Him.

Do you believe that God truly cares for you? Do you believe that God will never leave you or forsake you? Do you believe that God will always do what is best and right for you? Can you, in faith, say, "God, I love you and I know and believe that You love me. God, I am committed to You and I know and believe You are committed to me. God, in faith I do what is right and I know and believe that You always do what is right."

Living by faith is putting away all that is of your own life, wisdom and counsel, in order to live by the promises of God, and according to His counsel, will and commands.

**PRAY**

Praise God for being the perfect embodiment of love. Thank Him for all the things He does for you in your life. Review a few specific promises of God and claim them in prayer before Him. Commit to honoring God in all aspects of your life.



**DAY 26**

14. Do you believe in God's love for you even if things don't go the way you want?  
(Hebrews 5:5-10)

**P2P:** Consider that Jesus Himself went through tremendous suffering out of obedience to God's will. How are faith toward God and obedience related?

15. Read Hebrews 11:32-38 to answer the following questions.

- a. What did the saints experience by faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Is there always *victory* according to how we might evaluate it in this world?

16. Read Hebrews 11:13-16 and Hebrews 11:39-40 to answer the following questions.

- a. What is the lesson we see in the lives of the faithful?

- b. What is the time frame for determining success in living by faith?
- c. What must we understand by faith, and live by, from now until the time we inherit the promises?

17. What is a fundamental technique God uses in His relationship with us? (Hebrews 12:1-11)

**P2P:** Are you willing to endure chastening from God, trusting He is doing it for your own good? How does God use trials to help us expose our doubts and lack of faith toward Him?

18. How does faith affect your conduct and obedience to God? (1 Peter 1:3-21)

**PRAY**

Thank God for both good times and bad times in your life. Praise Him for using trials and hardships to expose your doubts and lack of faith. Confess any unbelief as a result of the current challenges you are facing. Ask God to bless you as you endure His chastening.



knowing that He cares for us. It is by faith that we overcome the world and do the works of God.

God loves us and wants us to live by faith in Him. It is by faith that we do all things, believing and trusting in our God and Savior. Faith is an elementary principle of Christ. Without it, we are incapable of pleasing God and having any type of lasting relationship with Him.

**PRAY**

Take time to praise God for listening to your prayers, even when you continue to ask Him for some things repeatedly. Trust in His perfect will for you. Ask God to further build your faith in Him through the circumstances he allows in your life. Thank God for applying the righteousness of Jesus Christ to you so you can live by faith!

**DAY 28**

**MEDITATE & PRAY**

Spend time further reflecting upon and praying about the parts of Lesson 4 that really inspired you. Reflect on the fact that faith is essential to have a relationship with God.