

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live

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Theme: A Living Faith Unit 1

Theme September – What Is Faith?

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Lesson Title: Faith Is Endurance

Lesson Text :Hebrews 12:1-11

INTRODUCTION

After the evidence and great examples of faith provided in chapter 11, the writer now shifts the focus to a key element of sustaining faith which is endurance. Endurance can be considered a vital organ to having a strong & healthy faith. In this text we see the Invitation, Instruction and inspiration to “Continue in Faith” and the benefits therein.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

- 1. What is Faith?**
- 2. Why is faith important during storms of life?**
- 3. What encouragement does the text provide Christians to endure.**

LESSON OUTLINES

- 1. Look to Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-3)**
- 2. Endurance is Discipline (Hebrews 12:4-9)**
- 3. The Benefits of Endurance (Hebrews 12:10-11)**

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

- 1. Explore the text, understand the mission of the Christian, accept the call to continue in faith.**
- 2. Let the word of God be our strength in Weakness and times of trouble.**
- 3. Praise God for his Faithfulness.**

HEBREWS 12:1 NRSV

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

HEBREWS 12:2 NRSV

² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:3, 4 NRSV

³ Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.

⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

HEBREWS 12: 5, 6 NRSV

⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children— “My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when you are punished by him, ⁶ for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves and chastises every child whom he accepts.”

HEBREWS 12:7, 8 NRSV

⁷ Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children, for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline?

⁸ If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children.

HEBREWS 12: 9 NRSV

9 Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

HEBREWS 12:10 NRSV

¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness.

HEBREWS 12:11 NRSV

¹¹ Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Key Points to Remember

- 1. Faith requires endurance.**
- 2. Everyone believer will endure trials on Earth, but we have a covering and protection in the Holy Spirit.**
- 3. Prayer and Faith will sustain us because GOD Never Fails.**
- 4. When this life is over, we shall see GOD face to Face.**

BIBLICAL RESOURCES

**NASB STUDY BIBLE, NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE
BIBLEREF.COM , BIBLESTUDYTOOLS.COM,
GOTQUESTIONS.ORG, NEW INTERPRETERS' BIBLE
PRECEPTS FOR LIVING DIGITAL.**

LESSON SUMMARY

FAITH REQUIRES ENDURANCE. ENDURANCE COMES THROUGH PRAYER AND STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD. OUR ANCESTORS HELD ON TO FAITH BELIEVING GOD WOULD PROVIDE BLESSINGS TO GENERATIONS THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE. IN SPITE OF PERSECUTION, BEATINGS, JAILED AND DEATH. FOR FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD.

JAMES 2:14-16