Building A Life Of Faith! Building A Great Life! Pt.1

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Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. ²³ "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them."

<u>Hebrews 11:6</u>, And without faith it is impossible to please God...

Six Biblical Ideas On Building Your Faith:

1. Faith Is Believing When I Do Not <u>SEE IT</u>

<u>Hebrews 11:1</u>, Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

2 Corinthians 5:7, For we live by faith, not by sight.

2. Faith Is Obeying When I Do Not <u>UNDERSTAND IT</u>
<u>Hebrews 11:7</u>, By faith <u>Noah</u>, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family... ⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, <u>even though he</u> did not know where he was going.

3. Faith Is Choosing God's Path Even When It's Not EASIER

Hebrews 11:24, By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

4. Faith Is Giving What God Asks Me To GIVE

Hebrews 11:4, By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

2 Corinthians 9:6, Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

5. Faith Is Thanking God Before I <u>RECEIVE IT</u>

<u>Hebrews 11:30</u>, By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

Mark 11:24, Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

6. Faith Is Trusting God Even If I Don't GET IT

Hebrews 11:39, These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

NEXT Chapel Generosity Campaign!

Theme Verse:

<u>2 Corinthians 8:5</u>, They exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

Why Build A Chapel?

<u>Mission</u>: Provide space to reach more young adults through weddings, young adult services, youth worship, etc.

Ministry: Provide for more ministry through weddings, Midweek and Sunday night services, funerals, prayer services, discipleship space, KidCare worship, Fresh Spirit, concerts/recitals, expanded VBS space, topical seminars, and much needed covered drop-offs and walkways and bad weather days.

Four Purposes Of Our NEXT Chapel Generosity Campaign:

1. To Help Us Grow Spiritually

<u>2 Corinthians 8:7</u>, But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2. To Deepen Our Fellowship As A Church

<u>1 Peter 3:8</u>, Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

3. To Give Sacrificially Towards The Chapel

2 Corinthians 8:5, They exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

4. To Continue To See God's Glory In His Church

Ephesians 3:20, Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Two Goals:

• 100% Participation

• \$2.5 Million in offering and 12 month commitments