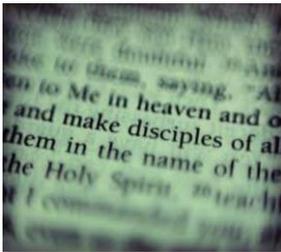


Faith Is the Victory



The men and women of Hebrews 11 accomplished some impossible feats in their lives. One family built an ark, another family had children when they were past their childbearing years, this same family was told to leave their home and travel to a place of which they knew not. How did these people accomplish these feats of impossibility? The Hebrew's writer reveals it was by faith.



Faith is key for Christians today because if we do not possess a strong faith, the Hebrew's writer says, "But without faith, it is impossible to please Him..." (Heb. 11:6). Since faith is the foundation on which our expectation is based, and faith is the conviction of things not seen, we must know and truly believe that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. When our hearts and souls believe this, we can obey even the most uncomfortable commands given in the word of God.



Evangelism is one of those uncomfortable commands which many Christians try to avoid. Be encouraged brothers & sisters, through a little faith building, evangelism can become one of those commands that everyone can follow.

LET'S GET ENERGIZED ABOUT EVANGELIZM!

We must understand evangelism and every command of God is done by faith. Faith is transmitted to us through the revealed word of God. For one to be faithful, one must follow the commands found in the faith. Evangelism is one of those commands. If I am uncomfortable participating in evangelistic efforts, what can I do?



First, read in the faith the commands given to spread God's word. In doing this, one will realize it is a command of God and not just a suggestion by the elders, the preacher, or the church. If it is our intent to please God, we will walk by faith and follow God's commands.

Second, read the faith to see how early Christians prepared themselves for evangelism. The Christians of the first century were not born to be soul winners. They were developed into soul winners. Through reading the faith, one can conclude we must be equipped today as well. If one is seeking to please God, one will do all they can to prepare themselves to learn how to please Him.

Third, read the faith to see how they evangelized and implement some of those ways today. Those Christians of the first century taught publically, from house to house, one on one, through letters, through righteous living, personal contacts, etc. We have so many methods at our disposal today. We can distribute literature, go door to door, leave cards and information at restaurants, doctor's offices, public boards, texts & emails, personal contacts, Bible Correspondence Courses, DVD's, radio programs, books, righteous living, etc. Bible course graders will be needed, silent partners for studies and so much more.

Lastly, read the faith and see how the Christians of that time obeyed God. We can obey God in the same manner as they did. They obeyed God in times of peace, persecution, and church problems. The early church sought to obey the command of making disciples along with the other commands given by God.

Dig into the word of God to start building up your faith. As our faith increases, our work in evangelism should increase as well because it is one of those commands in the faith. Faith is the victory! -K.A. Pugh