

DEEPER *with* God



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40 Days of Faith
A Bible Study from Hebrews 11

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Introduction

When the leaders prayed and sought God's guidance and will for his church in 2023 and further, one of the Bible Passages that stood out was the vision God gave Ezekiel (Chapter 47:1-12). God gave this vision to His people when they were at the lowest point in their history. At this point He gave them hope, hope for a new future with God.

God' nation was destroyed, they were in exile, Jerusalem was a wilderness, and the temple was a heap of rubble. Ezekiel has wrestled with how hope can be restored. The only way back is grace. All renewal is in God's hands. All renewal flows from a fresh and powerful vision of God.

God took Ezekiel in the vision to the place of worship, the temple. Ezekiel saw water flowing from below the threshold of the east and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. There is hope, because any tiny drop of water, a teardrop of God's grace flowing from the place of prayer and sacrifice is enough. This is living water. Everything in the story

points to the power of the life it holds. It comes from God, from grace alone.

And the water of God's grace continues from His throne of grace, wider and deeper and it transforms even the desert. Wherever the water flowed, lush green trees were growing. That is the effect of the water of life on the desert where nothing normally grows. There is a harvest (not once a year, but) every month! Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.

The river ends in the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is place where nothing lives. There are no fish. There are no aquatic plants. It is the one place on the entire surface of the planet where there are no plants or animals and no life exists. When a tiny drop of water, this teardrop of God's grace, reached the Dead Sea the waters became fresh, by the power of this living water. There will be plants and fish again in a once-dead environment.

This is the turning point in the imagery/vision. God can overcome even death itself and change everything!

The New Testament points back to Ezekiel 47 with the woman at the well when we read of this living water: *“The water I will give will become in them a spring of water – or literally a well of water – gushing up to eternal life,”* (John 4.14). In John 7:37-39a - *On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.*”

We are seeking a fresh drop of God’s grace on and for our church. We need God’s renewing grace and power. It starts with a thirst for more of God. Maybe the spiritual water tank in your life is empty, maybe the waterpipes in your life are blocked by sin, worries, or fleshly issues. We need to remain in the place of prayer and sacrifice and stay long enough to notice what God is doing- the beginning of the river’s new life.

In 2023 we are being called to go deeper in our faith and understanding of God’s Word. We are called to grow in our understanding of what true worship

means, and what it means to be a church where we receive and distribute, healing and restoration.

The aim of this Bible Study is to focus our corporate and individual attention to the things God wants us to pursue, that we may grow deeper in our faith and bear much fruit for His glory. We look forward to what God will reveal in the next coming weeks so please share with family, friends and connect groups of how your faith is growing deeper and wider!

Soli Deo Gloria

Week 1 – Deeper with God



MEMORY VERSE - *Ezekiel 47:12 - Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."*

Introduction to this weeks' study

Ezekiel's vision has a deep spiritual application for us. The river represents the outflowing of the Holy Spirit, bringing life to the lifeless and then in the fruitful trees there are healing powers. God's people who are nourished by the stream of Holy Spirit, are to produce godly fruit and be a life-giving blessing to others. A godly person who continually thirsts for more of God, will grow spiritually and will bring hope to a world in desperate need of God. This vision reveals God's heart for a broken world and testifies about the gospel of Jesus. God wants us to know his heart and to give us a river of life that flows out to heal our broken hearts and our world.

DAY 1

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Ezekiel 47:1-6a

1. Read verses 1-2 again. What is the significance of water? And water in this passage? What stops you from going deeper into the spiritual river? Can you identify specific things in your life that have hindered your spiritual growth?

2. Read verses 3-6a again. How did the spiritual river grow deeper and wider and how does it differ from natural rivers? What does this image of a miraculously growing river mean to you?



Prayer

DAY 2

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Ezekiel 47:6b-12

1. What blessings does this water from the temple bring wherever it flows? What is the significance of “where the river flows everything will live” (9b)? What is the meaning of the trees on either side of the river that bear fruit every month?

2. What is the spiritual significance of this passage to you?



Prayer

DAY 3

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Ezekiel 47:6b-12 and John 4:5-14

1. Do you believe that Jesus fully knows the “real” you and that He fully loves the “real” you? How will you meet Him beyond the walls you put up?

2. Would you describe your life as “welling up” or “gushing forth” living water from God? Why or why not?



Prayer

DAY 4

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Ezekiel 47:6b-12 and John 7:37-39

1. What do you think Jesus means by “*If any man is thirsty?*” How does one quench one’s spiritual thirst?

2. Are you thirsty for more? How do you think you could increase your faith and your desire for a deeper intimate relationship with God?



Prayer

DAY 5

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Ezekiel 47:6b-12 and Revelation 21:22 and 22:1-2

1. What grew along the banks of the river in John's vision? How does this vision look forward to the coming of Christ and the new world that God prepares for us?

2. How does the love of God heal and give life? What spiritual and physical wounds do you want God to heal?



Prayer



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Prayer



Read: *Ezekiel 47:1-12*

Discussion questions

What was the most important thing about Ezekiel's vision to you?

What are the implications of this vision for your spiritual life?

Read John 7:37-39. Discuss the spiritual significance of this passage to you?

Read Revelation 22:1–3. What are the similarities between the Ezekiel 47 and Revelation 22? What is the “water of life”? And the tree of life? How do you plan to grow deeper in your faith and knowledge of God?

Close in prayer

Week 2 - True Faith (What is Faith?)



MEMORY VERSE - *Hebrews 11:1* - *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

Introduction to this weeks' study

How does one define faith? There are so many views. The memory verse defines it as *"being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."* Faith is one of the most important foundations on which the Christian religion is built. Faith is a choice one makes to hold on to God and to blindly trust Him for things we cannot yet see. Faith is trusting God that He is who He says He is, even though I can't see Him and even though it seems to me that God is not going to answer the way I want.

So for me, faith is a firm assurance that the things we are looking forward to will indeed happen. This is the proof that God will make true the things we cannot yet see.

DAY 1

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:1-3

1. Read Hebrews 11:1 again. What is faith according to this verse? The author uses words like “being sure,” “hope” “certain” “what we do not see.” Write a definition of each of these words down.

2. Write in your own words your definition of faith ?



Prayer

DAY 2

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:1-3

1. What does “assurance” mean? What are the things which you hope for? How is faith ‘the assurance’ of things hoped for?

2. The author gave a description of what faith is. Read Romans 8:24-25 and 2 Corinthians 4:18. What do these New Testament passages teach us about faith?



Prayer

DAY 3

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:1, 13, 27

1. The great examples of godliness of the ancient believers, all had different circumstances and personalities, but they all had one thing in common – faith. Do you think we please God the same way today?

2. How does the steadfast faith of the ancient believers encourage you to stand firm in your faith and to grow a deeper faith in God?



Prayer

DAY 4

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:1-3, Titus 2:11-14 and Romans 10:8-11

1. Where is your hope based? What do you spend your time looking forward to or dreaming about? What promise is given to anyone who puts his or her faith in Christ? (Romans 10:9)

2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:7. What is the relationship between seeing and faith? What does it mean to live by faith and not by sight?



Prayer

DAY 5

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:1-3, Genesis 1:1-3, Psalm 33:6, 9 and John 1:1-4

1. How does faith help us to comprehend the creation of the world?

2. Make a list of all the essential aspects of your faith in God



Prayer



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Prayer



Read: *Hebrews 11:1-3*

Discussion questions

Talk to each other about what faith is. Try to form a definition of faith and write it down.

The bridge between faith and hope is verse 1 (read it again). Now, talk to each other again and try to form a definition of Biblical faith. Read different Bible translations.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:7. What is the relationship between seeing and faith? What does it mean to live by faith and not by sight?

In what areas do you struggle with the most in your faith? As a group, discuss some ways we can develop greater trust in God in these areas?

Close in prayer

Week 3 - Faith that pleases God



MEMORY VERSE - *Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

Introduction to this weeks' study

Everyone has faith. The question on what is the faith based on? So called scientists who teach evolution as fact make many wild and unsubstantiated assumptions. By faith they accept that something (the big bang) came out of nothing. Every time you step on a plane, you exercise faith in the pilot whom you have never seen. When you sit down on a chair, you exercise faith that it will hold you up. Faith is part of our everyday life.

What will you place your faith in? For most of the rest of this chapter we will be introduced to people who chose to place their faith in God. And their examples are still recorded for us to inspire us in our own walk with God.

DAY 1

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:4-6 and Genesis 4:3-8

1. Read Hebrews 11:4 again. How did Abel demonstrate faith? Why was Abel's sacrifice better than Cain's?

2. How does Abel still speak to us? And Cain? What can you learn from this about the importance of your own actions?



Prayer

DAY 2

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:4-6, Genesis 5:21-24 and Jude 14-15

Enoch lived in the time right before the flood. The generation at that time was probably even much more wicked than today. While most people mocked the idea of God and scorned Him whom they couldn't see, with Enoch being the exception. He followed the light when most people sought to extinguish it.

1. What was unusual about Enoch?

2. What does it mean that he was taken up? What does this show us about God? Are there any lessons we can learn from this?



Prayer

DAY 3

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:4-6 and Romans 1:16-17

1. Read verse 6 again. Why is faith needed? What does it mean to live by faith?

2. How can you do God's will if you don't have faith in God?



Prayer

DAY 4

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:4-6 and Matthew 7:21-23

1. Read verse 6 again. What does it mean to please God? As believer, how do you please God?

2. Why do many followers of Christ not pursue God but other things for significance? What dangers are there for you to pursue other things instead of pursuing God?



Prayer

DAY 5

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:4-6 and Hebrews 10:19-23

1. Read verses 4-6 again. What are the two things necessary to draw near to God? Do you have them?

2. Trace your Christian life and highlight significant times of your Christian growth as well as weak times in your Christian life. How do these times relate to your faith in God?



Prayer



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Prayer



Read: *Hebrews 11:4-6*

Discussion questions

Which Biblical character's faith in God stands out, and why? How can you use it to grow spiritually?

If a believer came up to you and say, "*I want to grow in my faith in God, how can I?*" what would you say?

What can you do in the coming week to grow in your faith? Do you need to take any leaps of faith?

Read Hebrews 11:4-6 again. What do we learn from these verses? How can our faith grow stronger? What do you think we need to do, to follow the principles in this passage on faith?

Close in prayer

Week 4 - Saving Faith



MEMORY VERSE - *Hebrews 11:7 — By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

Introduction to this weeks' study

Noah, the tenth Patriarch of the pre-flood era, was born about 126 years after Adam and would have heard the Creation story from people who knew and spoke directly to Adam! Surely, this would have cemented Noah's faith that God is faithful, just and can always be trusted- no matter the circumstances.

Let's build up our faith by studying the life of someone who was one generation away from the first people created by Father God!

DAY 1

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



2 Kings 6:16-17, 1 John 4:4,5 and Isaiah 42:16

1. Was there a time in your life when it seemed there was no way out? Identify some details here.

2. How did God take you through this impossible situation?



Prayer

DAY 2

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Genesis 1:3, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 1:7 and Micah 7:9

1. What is the difference between the 'light' and the 'dark' in your life and how do you handle this daily?

2. What areas do you need to move into the light?
What is so difficult that only God is strong enough to move you into the light?



Prayer

DAY 3

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Habakkuk 1:5, Matthew 17:20 and Luke 18:27

1. Is there something you trusted God for that hasn't happened yet, and you lost faith that it ever would happen? Bring it before God.

2. Why is God so willing to respond to the tiniest bit of faith we present? Is this fair? Do you have faith that God can do something impossible?



Prayer

DAY 4

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Ephesians 1:18-19

1. What do you need to know better about God to live a richer faith life this year?

2. What may be your spiritual inheritance for this season of your life? Ask God enlighten the eyes of you heart and to empower you to be faithful in this area.



Prayer

DAY 5

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:7, Joshua 6:25, 24:15 and John 1:12

1. What aspects of your family need to be restored to God?

2. What old habits need to shift to fit into your new spiritual family?



Prayer



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Prayer



Read: *Hebrews 11:7, 1 Peter 2:9; Joshua 6:25, 24:15 and Habakuk 1: 5*

Discussion questions

How did God take you through an impossible situation in your life?


Explain why God is willing to move mountains for our mustard seed faith? What is His motive?

What is God wanting to take you out of? What does He want to take you into? Reference Noah; Israelites.

What issue or habit needs to shift in your family so that God can establish His eternal family?

Close in prayer

Week 5 - Faith in Things to Come

 **MEMORY VERSE** - *Hebrews 11:9-10 — By faith he (Abraham) made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*

Introduction to this weeks' study

By faith, Abraham believed God to be the project manager of his future. Isaac was the seed of faith for the next generation, for all of the components of life for God to commune, not only in the “garden,” but in the whole city.

We can choose to live a life where we try to design our future or we can come to the Author and Perfector of the faith, to guide us into a new future. Let's journey together!

DAY 1

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Isaiah 26:1-4 and Matthew 7:24-27

1. Describe what a city/family/person would look like that has salvation as its “walls” instead of brokenness.

2. In which areas have you possibly been building your life on ‘sand’ instead of God’s ways?



Prayer

DAY 2

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Matthew 5:14-16

1. The city is elevated on a hill, closer to heaven. In what ways does your life glorify God?

2. Think about the low points in your life and how even these become glorious to God when He lifts you up. Name an area that needs lifting up for God's glory.



Prayer

DAY 3

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Psalm 27:4, Matthew 7:7 and John 16:24

1. What is your attitude, behaviour, and measure of faith, when you ask for something? Are you getting what you asking for?

2. What is one thing God wants to give you? What should you do to reposition yourself to receive it?



Prayer

DAY 4

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Luke 14:27-29, Jeremiah 33 and Jeremiah 29:11-13

1. Good intentions that weren't carried through can be an obstacle/burden. Where was an area that you lacked faith?

2. Count the cost of deciding to follow God in a new measure today. See how He wants to restore you and strengthen you. What does this look like?



Prayer

DAY 5

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



John 14:1-4, John 1:14-15 and Psalm 24:7-9

1. Jesus is convinced that His disciples know the way to their future, to Him. Are you following in the Way, the Truth and the Life, or are you floundering around?

2. When times are tough, God's kingdom is still near. Is there someone that needs to hear some good news from you today?



Prayer



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Prayer



Read: *Hebrews 11:10, Isaiah 26:1–4, Psalm 24, Jeremiah 29:11–13 and Matthew 25:8–9*

Discussion questions

Make a brief audit of your “city” (life). Is it a strong city? What is the main thing that is happening in this city at the moment?

Some cities have boom-bust cycles, where are you in this? How are you preparing yourself for challenging times?

What good news have you heard lately? Are you spreading good news to those around you? Could this improve or can you show others how?

What does your “city”/future look like in this year? Is this idea mixed with faith in God? What do you want to build with God in the short term?

Close in prayer

Week 6 – Obedient Faith



MEMORY VERSE – *Hebrews 11:17-19 — By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.*

Introduction to this weeks’ study

God initiated a covenant with Abraham, who came from a idol worshipping background. God initiated this relationship in love and grace, not because of who Abraham was or did. God promised Abraham a glorious future and Abraham had a decision to make. To believe, follow and obey or to ignore God and his commands. Our faith as believers consists of these same elements, believe, follow, and obey. In this week we will see that faith means sacrificial obedience because of God’s love and grace.

DAY 1

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Genesis 12:1-9 and Genesis 15:1-22

1. What are some of the promises God made to Abraham in this covenant?

2. What did Abraham have to do to see this being fulfilled? What does this tell us about Abraham's faith in God and what implications will this have on your life?



Prayer

DAY 2

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Genesis 21:1-6, 22:1-19

1. Place yourself in Abraham's shoes, would you have responded like Abraham did, why, why not?

2. What did Abraham believe God would do if he sacrificed Isaac, how does this relate to God sacrificing His son?



Prayer

DAY 3

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:8-11; James 2:26 and Hebrews 11:6

1. How would you describe Abraham's faith to someone? Is faith only believing? If not, why not?

2. What is the alternative and the impact thereof?



Prayer

DAY 4

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:8-11

1. What role did faith have in Abraham's life, when God tested his devotion? Why is it important that our faith is built on trusting God?

2. How does obeying God's word deepen our faith and relationship with Him?



Prayer

DAY 5

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Genesis 22:2-3, 8, 17-19

1. How does Abraham sacrificing his son, relate to God sacrificing Jesus, why is this important?

2. How does the fact that God gave His one and only Son deepen your faith in God and obedience?



Prayer



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Prayer



Read: *Hebrews 11:17-19 and Genesis 22:1-19*

Discussion questions

What situations have you been in where you have sacrificed according to God's will, what was the outcome? How does this remind you of God's faithfulness?

Abraham was willing to sacrifice his most precious, his one and only son. Does God still expect us to sacrifice, if so, what?

What does Romans 12:1-2 teach about sacrifice and how does this link with obedience?

What does the Bible say is unholy living and how should we live according to Romans 12:1-2 and Colossians 3:1-10?

Close in prayer

Week 7 - Faith despite resistance



MEMORY VERSE – *Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.*

Introduction to this weeks' study

We will learn this week that throughout history faith in the only God was resisted. By looking at Moses we see that this was true for him too and we will learn that despite the resistance, Moses chose to follow and obey God. No matter what resistance you face, God will give you the faith and courage to make bold decisions which go against the norms of society. May this study help you to have faith despite resistance.

DAY 1

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:23-29

1. Describe the various ways in which Moses' faith was tested?

2. In what ways are Christian's faith in our community tested? Include ways in which your faith has been tested in the past.



Prayer

DAY 2

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:24 and 1 John 2:15-17

1. What are worldly ways in which we as believers must be careful of conforming to? Why is it important according to 1 John 2 to withstand conformity with the world?

2. What lessons do we learn from the way Moses responded to conformity and how was this possible? What does Romans 12:2 tell us to do?



Prayer

DAY 3

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:25-26

1. In what ways in our age and culture do Christians face resistance in their belief?

2. According to the Bible, why do people in our culture resist Christianity?



Prayer

DAY 4

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:26

1. What did Moses focus on which enabled him to persevere?

2. List the things from Colossians 3:3-10 which we must focus on and do to strengthen and deepen our faith and persevere.



Prayer

DAY 5

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Matthew 5:3-12

1. Write a list of all the those who are blessed.

2. Write down what they will receive as rewards.



Prayer



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Prayer



Read: *Hebrews 11:23-29 and Matthew 5:3-12*

Discussion questions

Begin the discussion by sharing examples of where you have faced resistance to your faith and how you responded.

Note the ways in which Moses' faith was tested, are there any similarities between then and now?

Read Matthew 5:3-12. Who are those who are blessed and what did they receive, how does this encourage us when facing resistance?

Following the example of Moses, discuss a plan of action when resistance comes our way.

Close in prayer

Week 8 – Enduring Faith



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

Introduction to this weeks' study

The Bible is clear that in our walk with Christ, our faith will be tested. We must acknowledge this fact and prepare ourselves for these scenarios. The heroes of Hebrews 11 faced an array of diverse challenges. Sometimes they were weakened, sometimes their faith was negatively impacted but God helped them to finish the race and “pass” these tests. At the end of our faith journey with God, it is not important what we have accomplished but rather who we believed in, the God who is Supreme and fulfills His promises.

DAY 1

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:32-38

1. In your own words define what deeper faith means to you?

2. List the things that those mentioned here had to endure, and then redefine what deeper faith looks like accordingly.



Prayer

DAY 2

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:32-38

Choose to read one of the following faith stories mentioned in Hebrews 11, either Barak (Judges 4-5) Gideon (Judges 6-7) or Jephthah (Judges 11).

1. Make a list of some of the things accomplished for God because of the faith of the believers mentioned in Hebrews 11:32-38.

2. What are you trusting God for that is beyond your or human capabilities and comfort zone?



Prayer

DAY 3

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:34

1. Why is it important that the Hebrews writer noted the weakness of these faith heroes? What were the weaknesses of; Gideon (Judges 6-7): Jephthah (Judges 11 – *note his vow*): David (2 Samuel 11):

2. What weaknesses in your character do you have which you asking God to change?



Prayer

DAY 4

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:



Hebrews 11:34, Acts 4:23-31, Acts 28:31, Ephesians 3:12 and 2 Corinthians 3:12

1. How can you depend on God for more?

2. How should we pursue boldness in deepening our faith in God




Prayer

DAY 5

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the following Scriptures, observe the circumstances, and apply the truths to your life:

 *Hebrews 11:1, 39-40, Philippians 3:20-21 and John 14:1-3*

1. What was commendable about these heroes' faith? Why is it important to remember that you are a citizen of heaven?

2. What does God promise us which we are hoping for?



Prayer



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Prayer



Read: *Hebrews 11:32-40, John 14:12 and Revelations 21:1-8*

Discussion questions

What are the things accomplished for God because of the faith of the believers mentioned in Hebrews 11 and why was this important?

What is our boldness based on according to Joshua 1:9 and Romans 1:16? How should we pursue boldness in deepening our faith in God?

Discuss, what things we as Christians can accomplish through bold faith when we walk in obedience?

Encourage and help one another by determining the value of Revelation 21 and how we may live daily as citizens of heaven, here on earth.

Close in prayer



DEO GLORIA



Glorify to God -
Making God's glory known

COMMUNITY




Creating community -
Serving the community

CHURCH



A loving family of God
in Rockingham

WORD-BASED



The Bible is the
foundation of truth

CHRIST-CENTRED



Jesus is the centre
of our faith

SPIRIT INSPIRED



God's Spirit inspires us
to live and proclaim
His truth

DISCIPLE-MAKING



Journeying together,
following Jesus in obedience