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FOCUSING ON FAITH

Scripture:

Romans 10:17

Introduction

- Why faith? 1. Without it, it is impossible to please God.
2. Faith secures heaven. 3. Faith never fails.

I. Through faith we learn how to trust

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Jude 20 KJV

- A. Faith is a builder
- B. Faith is a process
- C. Faith requires willingness
- D. Faith requires action
 - 1. In giving
 - 2. In prayer
 - 3. In right living

II. Follow great examples of faith

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Hebrews 11:32-34 KJV

- A. Name your great hero of faith
 - 1. What made this person a person of faith?
 - 2. Why does this person inspire you?
- B. Samson
 - 1. Was set aside as a Nazarite before birth
 - 2. Would not honor his vows
 - 3. Habitually dabbled in sin
 - 4. Brought to total ruin
 - 5. Had one final moment of glory
 - 6. Listed as a hero of faith

III. Trim down for faith

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easliy beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 KJV

- A. The weights
 - 1. Doubt
 - 2. Unbelief
- B. The sin
- C. Ask God for guidance