

THE HALL OF FAITH

Lesson Seven: “Faith for the Future”



OBJECTIVE: To trust God in the immediate, **Knowing** the blessing is in the future by **Trusting** His word.

INTRODUCTION:

There are times on the faith journey when what you do in the immediate, will not come to reality until sometime in the future. Meaning, God sometimes tests your faith to see if you will act on His word even though you may not experience the reality.

Parents often open bank accounts in the immediate for their children’s future life. Parents trust and believe God that their children will have a future. Part of preparing for that future is saving funds either for school, car, or home, etc.

CHALLENGE: The church is in a position now, that it must work, plan, and implement ministry for the future generations of disciples.

Disciples must be encouraged to work on their gifts and talents and work in their assignments. The gifts, talents and assignments are immediate investments for the future of the church.



SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 11: 17-21

I. Faith Despite Sin



Read Genesis 27: 1-4

- A. Isaac refused to trust God’s Word as it related to which of his sons would receive his blessing.
 - 1. God told Isaac and Rebecca that Jacob would receive the blessing – Genesis 25:23
 - 2. Isaac wanted to bless Esau, because Esau was his favorite

- B. As a result, Isaac forced his family to sin
 - 1. Rebekah lied so that Jacob would deceive his father in giving him the blessing, vs. 6-10
 - 2. Jacob lies and deceives his father, vs. 20 -2

- C. Isaac blesses Jacob, vs. 26-29



QUESTION: What was Isaac’s faith?

Isaac trusted God to bless his son despite the deception and/or the sin.



QUESTION: Do you have the faith to press forward with the assignment of God upon your life, despite some of your past sins?

We have the tendency to withdraw and say we are unworthy or act with shame and guilt because of sin. As a result, we fail to press forward in our God-given assignment.

I believe there are a lot of Christians who are not walking in their calling, acting on faith, because they are allowing the sin of their past to hold them hostage.



SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 11:21

II. Faith Worships



Read Genesis 47:31 & 48:1-6

Joseph in faith worshipped the Lord while he was sick and while his body was frail. However, he continued to worship God believing in the promise land the promised seed.



QUESTION: How do you define worship?



QUESTION: By faith, are you willing to worship God through life's difficulties because you believe in His promise(s)?



SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 11:23-29

III. Faith Denies Self

Several things happened in Moses' life that defines his faith journey

- A. His parents had faith, vs. 23 – Ex. 2:2
- B. Moses took a stance by refusing to grow up in Pharaoh's house, vs. 24 – Ex. 2:10
- C. Moses looked to the reward of God rather than men, vs. 26
- D. Moses left Egypt, vs. 27 - Ex. 2:15
- E. Moses kept the Passover, vs. 28 – Ex. 12:2
- F. Moses passed through the Red Sea, vs. 28 Ex. 14:22-2

CONCLUSION:

Faith is not emotional. Everything that Moses did was an act of self-denial. He did not allow his emotions to interfere with the work of God.



QUESTION: Are you being careful not to let your emotions get in the way of God's business?