

Series: Found Faithful (2/16/20)

Title: We Can Live Faithfully

Text: (Heb 12:1-3)

What does courageous living mean to you?

Risk taking? Adrenalin Rushes?

Doing something Dangerous & living to tell about it?

I find it differs at each age.

5 – Riding with no training wheels.

7 – climbing the tallest apple tree in our town.

10 – Riding my 10 speed with no hands.

12 – asking a girl to the dance.

13 – playing with fireworks.

14 – Jumping off the high dive.

Now is it Hot sauce, or Coffee after 7pm?

Encouragement From The Past

When we think of Courageous Living we equate it with those from the Hall of Faith in Heb 11.

Abel	Vs 4	Champion of Worship
Enoch	Vs 5	Champion of the Daily Walk
Noah	Vs 7	Champion of Obedience
Abraham	Vs 8	Champion of Faith
Isaac	Vs 20	Dysfunctional Champion
Jacob	Vs 21	Champion of Brokenness
Joseph	Vs 22	Champion of Forgiveness
Moses	Vs 24	Champion of Choice
Joshua	Vs 30	Champion of Victory
Rahab	Vs 31	Champion of the 2 nd Chance!

Gideon Vs 32 Champion of Overwhelming Odds

Jephthae Vs 32 Champion of Personal Sacrifice

God uses Ordinary People: 1 Cor 1:26-29

God uses Busy People:

Moses had an executive position in his father in law's company. (*He couldn't find a job either!*) (Ex 3:1)

Elisha: Was a busy Farmer! (1 Ki 19:19)

God uses Imperfect People:

Mary Magdalene: Luke 8:2

Rahab the Who? He 11:31 She was a Harlot!

What Made these people Live Courageous Lives?

I. Knowledge of God: Phil 3:10

Courageous living is based on knowing who God is...

God Created All Things: All Means All, *I know that is deep.* (Col 1:16; Jn 1:3)

Created it For Himself: (Eph 1:5,9-12)

God Owns All Things: Because of Creation-

Ps 24:1; 50:10; Hag 2:8

Based on those vs who owns all the worlds wealth?

GOD does!

Based on that, how much do we really own?

Zero, NOTHING, NADA

God Owns Us: Because He bought us -

1 Cor 6:19-20; Titus 2:14

When we trust Christ as our savior, we become the purchased possession of Jesus. BODY AND SPIRIT

He Bought us at Calvary:

They lived courageously by their Knowledge of God and there...

II. Faith in God: Heb 11:1-3,6

a. **God Can:** 2 Chron 20:6-10

b. **God Will:** 2 Chron 20:14-15

c. **God Wants To:** *Through Me!* Eph 6:10

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III. God was 1st in their lives: (Matt 6:33)

Seek ye 1st the ...

God deserves the Place of PRE-Eminence:

Col 1:18-19

Exalted position in our lives. **1st Place** (Isa 6:1-3)

1st: Isaiah did when he saw the Lord was recognized Jesus's rightful place.

2nd: Isaiah's rightful place. Isaiah 6:5 *Woe is Me!*

1st thing Peter did when he realized who He was, He recognized where he belonged. (Luke 5:8)

Col 1:16-17 **Consist** ~ Sustained, Maintained, Held Together.

Heb 1:3; Acts 17:28; Kept Functioning

Get the Globe Out!

He is in charge! *Illus: The Earth Travels around the sun at 66,000MPH, and He's got it under control!*

Relax

He knows, understands, & can fix your problems.

Heb 4:15

Your problems are not big from His standpoint!

Col 1:18 He's The Head! He is in charge!

He is Sovereign! **Relax**

We need to trust Him that He can Handle it.

Illus: He created everything on purpose, now trust him that He can continue to take care of it!

Pre-Eminent! High, Lofty, Exalted Rank!

Jn 5:23 the object of our Honor!

Here is where we get into trouble!

Illus: The world travels around the sun at 66,000mph and we want to drive!

We forget He is in charge!

We don't trust Him to take care of it to suit us!

We don't want Him to intervene in our plans!

Illus: Thank you for saving me, but I can take it from here!

I'll pick the career I want.

The spouse, the city I live in, etc.

What if I won't like it?

*What if he's ugly?
But what if he wants me to stay in the DC area?
But what if He wants me to _____?*

Pre-Eminent! He has the Exalted position of Choice!

Illus: *It's not about you, it's all about HIM!*

The World does not revolve around you!

Col 1:10 We are to walk Worthy!

Why, because it's not about US, It's all about Him!

Illus: *God's worth in the eyes of others is determined by how we live!*

That is why we are to be Fruitful in every good work!

Why, because it's not about US, It's all about Him!

Head of the World in Vs. 16

Head of the Church in Vs. 18

Head of us in VS. 20-22

He saved us To Bring Him Glory!

(Col 3:23-24) And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

(1 Cor 10:31) Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

(Mat 5:16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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III. They Gave God the place of Preeminence

IV. Motivated by a Cause that was right:

1 Sam 17:26, 29

They were Fearless b/c they were Dead to Self:

i. Job 13:15 "Not My Call"

ii. Job 19:25-27 "Nothing to Lose, Everything to Gain!"

"A Man is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that he can never lose!"

V. Follow Through: Rev 2:10, 2 Tim 4:6-8

Man: created for the Glory, Praise, & Fellowship God
Man was created that the heart of God would have a special recipient of His Love.

God does not want us to just save us from Hell, although that's one

“ “ “ to give us a Home in Heaven, “ “

“ “ “ To give us joy and peace, “ “ “

God wants us to b/c the object of His Great love!

This is the point of it All! *Why Are We Here?*

We are commanded to bring Him Glory. 1 Cor 10:31

He Made us for Himself! Col 1:16

He Redeemed us for Himself! Col 1:20-22

He Wants us for Himself! Col 1:16 Rom 11:36

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