

## **Faith: Believe What God Can Do Through You**

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**INTRODUCTION:** F.A.I.T.H. (Forward Action Inspired Through Him)

1 Chronicles 28:20 (All verses from New International Version 1984)

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#### **1. Attitude before action.**

- Hebrews 11:1-2 ***<sup>1</sup>Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.***
- Hebrews 11:4 ***By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith, he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.***

#### **2. Believe before I see.**

- Hebrews 11:3 ***By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.***
- 1 Chronicles 28:20 ***David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished."***

### 3. Seek God before God's reward.

- 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.***
- Luke 12:34 ***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.***

### **CONCLUSION:** Faith-raising Giving

The most important decision you or your family will make during our ***Create for Community Journey of Generosity*** will be around your kitchen table and the decision about your own giving commitment. Each of us has a choice to make:

1. I can give based on ***REASON***.
2. I can give based on ***REVELATION***.

### **SUGGESTED STEPS FOR DETERMINING GOD'S WILL**

1. Begin by praying every day, "Lord, I ***want*** to give sacrificially. Now please show me ***how*** to give a gift that will stretch my faith."
2. Give yourself time! Commitment weekend is February 26, for your best first financial gift and 36-month commitment.
3. ***Plan a family conference*** to discuss ways to give.
4. At your family conference, read the following Bible promises and instructions and make a list of what you learn: 1 Chronicles 28-29, 2 Corinthians 8-9, and Luke 12:13-34
5. In your family conference, ask yourselves aloud these questions:

Regarding our cash gift: *How much cash could we gather by February 26? Is there anything we could sell or convert to cash? Do we have any assets or tangible items we could give?*

Regarding our 36-month commitment: Are there ways we could **decrease our expenses** in order to make a larger commitment? Are there ways we could **increase our income** in order to make a larger commitment?

6. Decide as a family the total amount you'll give, hold hands and have a prayer of commitment similar to this: ***"Father, this is a big step for us. We're asking you to strengthen our faith and help us grow spiritually through giving. We thank you for all you have given us. We know we wouldn't have anything if it weren't for you. We want to be cheerful givers. We're claiming the promises you've said in your Word that you'll take care of our needs if we trust you. Thank you for this opportunity to grow. Thank you for our church. Help us to reach Your goal to Create for Community. In Jesus' name, Amen!"***

## **G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.**

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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**Monday:** Read *1 Chronicles 28:20*. If faith is Forward Action Inspired Through Him, then where is God leading you forward? Where is God calling you to be strong and courageous?

**Tuesday:** Read *Hebrews 11:1-2*. Martin Luther said, **"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace. It is so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."** As you think about your faith, how does your faith influence your attitudes and actions as you live each day?

**Wednesday:** Read *Hebrews 11:4*. How does your faith influence how you give and live each day? Is your giving and living based on reason or revelation?

**Thursday:** Read *Hebrews 11:3*. The eyes of faith are like seeing how the pieces of life's puzzle fit together. As you look at your life today, what do you see? Where is God calling you to believe so that you can see more clearly?

**Friday:** Read *Hebrews 11:6*. What you are seeking, what you are looking at, determines where you will go and what you will do. How can you keep your eyes on God? What pulls you away from seeking God?

**Saturday:** Read *Luke 12:34*. I like the paraphrase that says, “**Where your treasure goes, your heart flows.**” What keeps your treasure flow headed towards God? What can keep your treasure flow away from God?

Going Deeper:

**BOOK TO READ:** *Plastic Donuts: Giving that Delights the Heart of the Father* by Jeff Anderson.

**NEXT WEEK:** 1 Chronicles 29:9 **Live with a Spirit to Bless**

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