LIVE OAK CHURCH

Taking A Stand For Your Faith

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Hebrews 11:1-10; 1 Peter 1:22-25

Will Our Children Have Faith? Does That Matter To You?

I. The attitude of the doubtful
- A. Faith makes no real difference
- B. Faith in life is "optional" you can take it or leave it

II. The promising theme of Scripture
- A. Faith is the cornerstone of a successful life
    1. Jesus said, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world & lose his soul?"
- B. Without faith it is impossible to please God
- C. All that God has for us is received through the currency of faith

III. What faith is not
- A. Faith is not an illusion
- B. Faith is not wishful thinking
- C. Faith is not a blind leap
- D. Faith is not based on feelings
- E. Faith is not being reckless

IV. What faith is
- A. Faith is believing based on evidence that supports the credibility of what God has revealed
- B. Faith in Jesus based on
    1. Prophecies fulfilled
    2. Miracles performed
    3. Payment on the cross
    4. Resurrection from the dead
    5. Promises made
- C. Faith creates hope
- D. Faith is the substance of life

V. What happens to those who lose faith?
- A. What happens when you lose faith in…
    1. Your marriage/spouse?
    2. Your physician?
    3. Your abilities?
    4. Your future?
- B. Without faith in God His purpose for your life
    1. Life doesn't make sense
- C. Faith is crucial… without it
    1. You would never say "I do"
    2. Never get on a plane
    3. Never have surgery
- D. Living without faith is like driving at night in the fog with no lights
- E. Without faith
    1. You can't know salvation
    2. Know God's promises
    3. Experience God's miracles
- F. Nothing destroys like doubt

VI. What does faith do?
- A. Endures the storm
- B. Creates action
- C. Motivates the soul
- D. By faith
    1. Noah built the ark
    2. David took down the giant
    3. Daniel survived lions
    4. Mary gave birth to the Messiah
    5. Peter's life was changed
    6. Those who believe enter heaven
- E. Words of a Holocaust survivor
    1. I believe in the sun when it doesn't shine
    2. I believe in love when it is not shown
    3. I believe in God even when He is silent

VII. Where does faith come from?
- A. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God
    1. God's Word produces faith
    2. As you read about the Messiah
- B. The Bible has proven itself as credible
    1. Archeology

2. Prophetically
3. Historically
4. Scientifically
5. Morally
6. Administratively

VIII. The key to our nation's stability

A. For 250 years our nation's stability was unprecedented
B. Though we are only 4% of the world's population, we have more
    1. Copyrights, patents & inventions
    2. Techno discoveries, cures & medical advances

IX. Some forgotten facts

A. What U.S. presidents said about the Bible
    1. John Quincy Adams
    2. Teddy Roosevelt
    3. Andrew Jackson
B. Our free market economic system
    1. Based on 5 primary Scriptures
C. 7 types of human government
    1. Bible mentions all 7
    2. Bible recommends a republican form of government
        a. Numbers 1:16-19
        b. Exodus 18:21-23
    3. Article 4 section 4 of the U.S. Constitution
    4. James Madison believed in a written (law) constitution
        a. Exodus 31:18
D. Scientific method, scientific discoveries found in the Bible
    1. Expanding universe
    2. Ocean currents/jet streams
E. 1844 U.S. Supreme Court decision
    1. You shall teach the Bible in our government funded schools

X. What happens when you build your home on the Word?

A. Fellowship with God
B. A place of success
    1. Stability
    2. Creativity
    3. Purpose
C. Birth place of blessing
D. Strength to weather the storms
E. A hope/promise that is real

XI. What happens without the Word of God in your life?

A. Minimal joy
B. Defeated emotions
C. Spiritually weak
D. Everyone is wrong but you
E. Easily aggravated
F. Easily critical
G. Reluctantly serving
H. Rarely demonstrate love
I. Easily embrace perversion
J. Slow to forgive

XII. Know the Word gives knowledge

A. Your past
B. Your present
C. Your future

400 Years Ago
A Group Left All They Knew…
So Their Children Would Have Faith