

Introduction:

- The best selling books, movies, stories, etc. are full of adventure!
 - Nobody watches a movies about a character who is coasting through life or playing it safe.
 - The best stories are those where the character decides to change something!
 - The best stories are those where the main character has all the odds stacked against them.
 - The best stories are those where the main character must over come huge obstacles.
 - Those are the stories we like to read, movies we like to watch. Because deep down we want live like that in our small little world. We want to make a difference! We want to overcome! We want to inspire others to the realm of possibility.
- What if walking with God became more of an adventure with us than just a boring routine...like fishing everyday in the Sea of Galilee, collecting taxes everyday and throwing parties.
 - What if life with God was intended to be an adventure? An adventure for His glory.
 - What if God really loved for us to live on the edge of the precipice of life?
 - What would your life look like, then?
 - What would be your arena of impossibility that you would joyfully tackle? When was the last time you risked something for God?
 - What would you have to do to start thinking–‘that all things are possible with God?’
- Faith loves and adventure! IE. the Little mountain climber on our shirts.

I. The Faith Hall Of Fame

- A. Hebrews 11. These people got their names in the book because of their faith. *“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”* (Hebrews 11:6, ESV)
1. The Hebrew writer did not have time or space to write about all the heroes of the faith.
 2. In fact, there are names being added daily to the Faith Hall of Fame. How about your name?
- B. Faith is one of the greatest powers known to man today because God stands behind what He has spoken. Faith allowed:
1. Elijah to turn off the rain for 3.5 years.
 2. Moses to split the Red Sea.
 3. Paul to raise the dead.
 4. You to heal the sick.
- C. Faith has:

1. No limits - *"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,"* (Ephesians 3:20, ESV)
 2. No economic barriers – bread from heaven for Israel, fish and loaves for the people, paid disciples taxes with gold coin from a fishes mouth.
 3. No racial barriers - The Cyrene carried Jesus cross, Jesus boasted of the Italian soldiers faith, Paul took the Gospel to the world.
 4. No scientific limitations – water from the rock, dead raised, serpent shaken into the fire, water changed to wine.
- D. What made them different... The faith legends of Hebrews 11?
1. They had been touched by the Word of God! When you have been touched by the Word you have been touched by Jesus. They had heard God. *"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."* (Romans 10:17, ESV)
 2. They put action to what they had heard. Faith without works is dead. The power of faith is released through obedience to what you have heard.
 3. The anointed word of God impacts the spirit of man and a reaction begins to take place in him called "Living Faith!" *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."* (John 6:63, ESV)
 4. Parable of the sower: The word that is received, retained and understood cause the Life of God in the seed/Word to be made visible in life of the one who works it!

II. How Did The Legends Get Into Hebrews

- A. They started with hearing what God had to say, ...all of them.
 1. They had to recognize the voice of God.
 - a) Abraham leave your country, family, friends follow me.
 - b) Moses the ground you are standing on is holy.
 - c) Gideon threw out a fleece.
- B. They had to process the promise over time. What does that statement really mean, "They had to process the promise." It really means that they had to grow in trust of God and what He has said.
 1. Growing in trust is different for everyone.
 2. Growing in trust has a different timetable with everyone.
 3. Growing in trust is critical in becoming a person of great faith.
 4. Growing in trust is a relationship with God issue.
 - a) We are selfish by nature - trusting ourselves to take care of us.
 - b) We are emotional creatures - we let fear, past rejections, depression dictate how we will walk with God.

- c) We internally hypocritical with ourselves – we believe one thing and experience another. We have to learn to put our past behind us each day.
- 5. Growing in trust means that we are transitioning from a place of doubt to faith. This will look different for all of us. But the process will be the same. You will spend time with God. Live in the Word. Choose to step out in faith.
- 6. As growing in trust increases in you the size of your faith increases.
- 7. Growing in trust means overcoming through faith at different trying levels until you become strong in faith.
- C. Their actions had to confirm their faith as well as their words.
 - 1. Confession both precedes and follows faith.
 - a) To confess means to say what God has said. "What can I say about me or my situation that God has already said?"
 - b) I confess the word so I can hear it and thereby build my faith...faith comes by hearing.
 - c) I confess the word in response to my faith.
 - (1) *"For the word of God will never fail." Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.* (Luke 1:37-38, NLT) word – rhema
 - (a) *"For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."* (Luke 1:37-38, ESV)
 - (b) *"For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment. Then Mary said, Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be done to me according to what you have said. And the angel left her."* (Luke 1:37-38, AMP)
 - (c) *"Not one promise from God is empty of power, for nothing is impossible with God!" Then Mary responded, saying, "This is amazing! I will be a mother for the Lord! As his servant, I accept whatever he has for me. May everything you have told me come to pass." And the angel left her.* (Luke 1:37-38, TPT) May everything you have said about me come true. That is a trust statement!

III. Faith Loves An Adventure

- A. Webster - Adventure - a venture involving danger or risk. Faith loves that!
 - 1. It is an experience that seemingly may 'set one' up for loss or harm **IF** God does not come through.
 - 2. But when you have faith the if becomes mostly no existent as you step out to trust God.

- B. Faith loves an adventure because it lives to see how God is going to work.
- C. Faith is the Word of God abiding in you! It is not just hearing it. It is having it abiding in you, and you resting in it. *"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."* (John 15:7, ESV)
- D. Lester Sumrall said, *"Faith is the eye that sees the invisible, the ear that hears the inaudible and the hand that touches the intangible. We are people called of God to understand the unshakable, to do the undoable, and perform the impossible."* Faith makes things happen! It loves the adventure!

Conclusion:

- What if life with God was intended to be an adventure? An adventure for His glory.
- What if God really loved for us to live on the edge of the precipice of life?
- What would your life look like, with that kind of faith?
- What would you have to overcome in the arena of impossibility to show your God strong? When was the last time you risked something for God?
- What would you have to do to start thinking 'that all things are possible with God?'