

Introduction:

- Last Wednesday I shared a message on Faith Loves An Adventure! Some things to keep in mind as we go deeper in faith today:
 - Webster defines Adventure - as a venture involving danger or risk. Faith loves that! In fact, you would be hard pressed to find faith in the Bible that is absent danger or risk.
 - Faith is an experience that seemingly may 'set one' up for loss or harm **IF** God does not come through.
 - But when you have faith the **if** becomes non existent as you step out and trust God.
- Faith loves an adventure because it lives to see how God is going to work and get the glory!
- Faith legends had to process the promise over time. What does that statement really mean, "They had to process the promise." It means that they had to grow in trust of God and what He has said.
- Let's get a vision tonight for world changing faith.

I. World Changing Faith

A. World changing faith begins in my world.

1. David - killed the lion, the bear and then Goliath. *"But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the Lord be with you!""* (1 Samuel 17:34-37, NLT)
 - a) David killed lions, bears and then Goliath.
 - b) David's world changing faith started in the place of worship as he watched over the sheep. It was there he come closer to God. Mingling the Word with the presence.
 - c) Great faith begins in the presence of God. You have to come to Him and know Him, Hebrews 11:6 *You come to Him knowing He exists and rewards those who seek Him.*
2. World changing faith begins in each of us at the moment of salvation!

B. World changing faith begins in my world and makes its way out to other worlds.

1. When we get born again, the measure of faith that God has given to each of us activates saving grace, by which we are justified with God.
2. That world changing faith began first, in us, before it began changing things around us.
3. The quicker you can begin to say, "What has God said that I too can say?" Will be the speed at which you see changes comes into your life. IE. I was radically saved! My life and life style changed overnight. My dreams changed, my vision changed, because my heart was changed changed/made alive by God. '
 - a) World changing faith began in me, changing my world.
 - b) Three months later it brought healing.
 - c) Shortly after that it brought a move of God in my home church where I was allowed to preach for the first time on a Sunday morning. Ie. John 12:24 *Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains only a singles seed.* I prayed at the end of my

message. I was scared to open my eyes. When I did the altar was filled with people seeking God.

- C. World changing faith begins in me because that is where death and darkness are first challenged and defeated, in our lives!
 1. The goals of faith are always challenging darkness.
 2. That challenge first starts in us and will continue to challenge darkness where ever it is found... finances, health, community problems and issues. Faith was meant to be the power that causes us to overcome evil where ever it is found.

II. Understanding World Changing Faith

- A. What is faith?
 1. Faith is reliance upon and trust in God.
 2. Faith is believing God for the impossible. *"He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible with God.""* (Luke 18:27, NLT) The context is, "Who can be saved?" The answer Jesus gives...Only God!
 3. Heb 11:1 *"Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for. It is all the evidence required to prove what is still unseen."* (Hebrews 11:1, TPT)
 4. It is possible to understand what faith is and still not possess it. In other words you can have it in your head before you have it in your heart. IE. A christian parent can teach christian principles to their children who have not yet been born again.
- B. The great works begin in us by faith.
 1. We are saved by grace through faith. John 3:16; 3:36.
 2. Faith crushes darkness in our lives.
 - a) *"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark."* (John 12:46, NLT)
 - b) Acts 16:31 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.
 3. We are justified through faith. *"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."* (Romans 5:1, NLT)
 4. We are kept by faith. *"And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see."* (1 Peter 1:5, NLT) *"Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes.""* (Mk 9:23, NLT)

III. Measuring World Changing Faith

- A. Measures of faith.
 1. We each are given a measure of faith from God. *Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.* (Ro 12:3 NLT)
 2. Weak faith.—Abraham *"He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb."* (Romans 4:19, ESV)

3. Little faith.– The disciples and Jesus on the Sea of Galilee. *“Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!...”* (Matthew 8:26, NLT)
 4. Growing faith. *“... your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.”* (2 Thessalonians 1:3, ESV)
 5. Strong in faith–Abraham. *“No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,”* (Romans 4:20, ESV)
 6. Great faith– Centurion Mt 8:5-13.
 7. Full of faith–Stephen. Acts 6:5 Stephen was a man full of faith.
- B. The quest for world changing faith.
1. Only happens as we operate in faith. By faith Abraham journey to the land of promise.
 2. Abraham was looking for the city whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:9 & 10
 3. Every Christian once they become aware of faith should possess this incredible desire to grow in faith.
 - a) Faith pleases God.
 - b) Faith allows us access to God.
 - c) Faith causes us to grow in God.
 - d) Faith has to do without spiritual maturity.
 - e) Faith expresses the fruit of the Spirit
 - f) Faith causes us to manifest the gifts of the Spirit.
 - g) Faith causes us to be established. *“Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm.”* (Is 7:9 NLT).
 4. Learning how to grow in faith and maintain our faith is one of the major victories we gain in this life. *“You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world.”* (1 John 5:4, TPT) Faith is the factor that moves us through this life...to and with great victories. We must have faith.
- C. World Changing Faith is what each of us possess, in what ever measure you have....Use it.
1. Use it to change your world. Confront darkness!
 2. Use it to change the world close to you. Confront darkness!
 3. Use it to go into all the world. Confront darkness!

Conclusion:

- Let's get a vision tonight for world changing faith.