

WHAT IS FAITH?

SERMON GUIDE

FAITH ENDURES SUFFERING

Hebrews 12:3-17 | Pastor Tim Prince

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SERMON NOTES


OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:3-4 (Gospel)
For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.


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Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever trained for an athletic event? What was it and what was the training experience like?

Read Hebrews 12:1-17

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything “illuminated,” surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: In verse one, the Christian life is described as a “race that is set before us” that we need to run with endurance. What are some things that the author says we can expect will try to trip us up in our race?

O: The author wants us to “look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith” (v.2) to gain inspiration for our race of faith. What are some things that Jesus did and how is that an encouragement to you today in your race (v.2-3)?

O: Describe the relationship between sin and God’s discipline in verses 7-11. What does it seem like God is doing in the midst of our struggle with sin? What is his purpose in our lives? Does this encourage, challenge or comfort you in any specific way?

O: In verses 12-17, the author mentions a few specific sins that must have been tripping up the people he was writing to. Are there any that stand out to you today? Why?

O: What warning do you think the author is trying to give with the example of Esau?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: How is your race of faith going right now? Is there anything specific that is threatening to trip you up? What truths from the scripture we’ve just read will be most helpful to you in the week ahead?

A: Are there any specific relationships in your life right now that need to be addressed in light of today’s exhortation to “strive for peace with everyone”?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the ‘live’ page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations you are making about a passage

Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do