

# *Mt Lebanon Church*

## Sunday School Lesson

6.1.2025

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

## Learn From Gods Example

### Hebrews 11: 1 – 2, 4 – 13

Learning by godly example means following the characteristics and the actions of the one who encompasses the faith, and the virtue, of a life that is well pleasing unto God. Now, rather than just replicating one's outward appearances, we must learn to recognize the strengths and the behaviors that encourages spiritual growth, and it is that which strengthens our moral character, and helps us as individuals to develop a sound relationship with God. Now, we know that Christ is the ultimate example of a godly life, for his teachings provide us with the guidance needed to live a life of service unto God through obedience to his word. By studying godly examples, we will develop a stronger faith, and a better understanding of Gods love, his mercy, and his grace. Therefore, the lives of the prophets like Abraham, Moses, David, and Paul, while like us they were not perfect, their living example offers qualities that can provide guidance and encouragement in our life in Christ, and just as we have learned, so are we called by God to be an example unto others.

**Romans 10: 17,....**so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God....

So, as believers, we come to understand that true faith is a gift that is received through hearing and understanding Gods word. Therefore, any attempt to be made righteous on our own is useless, for we can only be saved through faith in Christ. Our refusal to believe in the word of God amounts to disobedience, which simply means that we just do not want to believe that God provides mankind with a message, and in order to believe in this message we must receive it, but few actually receive it, and for those who do receive it, it is not a guarantee that it will result in faith believing. This is because we do not understand what faith means, for the word of God is being taught as a gospel of good works only, which fails to proclaim that Christ died for all, taking the punishment from sin, and offering forgiveness to all who will believe.

**Hebrews 11: 1 – 2,....**now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen....for by it the elders obtained a good report....

Faith gives unto us confidence in the things which we are hoping for, and it provides unto us an assurance concerning those things which we cannot physically see or experience, for it is the persuasion that Gods promises are real, and that they will come to pass. Faith brings together that which we hope for and that which we cannot see, providing unto us an eternal assurance based upon the promises of Gods word. Many believers do not understand the true meaning of their faith, for many focus upon the merits of good works, allowing the true message of the gospel to be compromised. Proclaiming good works only will fail in teaching that Christ died for our sins, and that it is only by faith believing in his work on the cross that we will find security in our ability to see the truthfulness of our faith.

**Romans 1: 17,....**for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith....

**Habakkuk 2: 4,....**behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him, but the just shall live by faith....

Gods' righteousness is revealed unto us as believers, by his word, and we experience his righteousness through our faith in his Son Christ Jesus, which leads us into a life that is pleasing unto God. Nothing should matter more unto us as believers than fulfilling Gods will for our life, which is to show unto others the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Without the power of the gospel there can be no salvation, no freedom from sin, no redemption, therefore, no eternal life with Christ. The gospel is the righteousness of Christ revealed, therefore, righteousness is a complete and total work of God that has nothing to do with our accomplishments, and there is nothing that we can do to deserve it or earn it, for it is received by faith alone through the knowledge of the word of God. This means that from faith to faith speaks of our journey into the righteousness of God, and from day one of our journey of faith until our very last day on this earth we must live by faith. We must trust God from start to finish, and we must learn to rely upon the power of Gods gospel to change our lives and the lives of those whom we encounter along the way.

**Hebrews 11: 4 - 11**,....by faith Abel offered....a more excellent sacrifice....which he obtained witness that he was righteous....by faith Enoch was translated....he had this testimony that he pleased God....by faith Noah, being warned of God....moved with fear....by faith Abraham, when he was called....obeyed....through faith....Sara....received strength....

So, what is faith? Faith is having confidence in something without fear or favor, because we know it to be true even if we physically have not experienced it. By faith we believe in realities as if they were physically visible to us, and it is these realities of eternal value that make our life worth living. Therefore, only by faith can we please God, and this comes through the one who has revealed himself unto us by his word. This is what we live for, and this is what sustains us, for we are living by faith for that which will last forever.

**2 Corinthians 4: 18**,....while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal....

As believers, we must endure suffering with hope, knowing that the trials and tribulations in our life are insignificant compared to the eternal rewards that await us. Therefore, our focus on these unseen things helps us in serving God more faithfully. Since our hope is built upon the promises of God, we learn from the examples portrayed unto us through his word. The characteristics of his promises include: obtaining a righteous witness, having a testimony that is pleasing unto God, moving with godly fear, remaining obedient to the word of God, and remaining faithful through the strength which we can only receive from him.

**Hebrews 11: 6,....**but without faith it is impossible to please him....

As believers, one key detail stands out in our life, and that is we have placed our complete confidence in God, entrusting ourselves into his hands, knowing that our faith in Christ pleases the Father. Therefore, anyone who comes to Christ must first of all believe that he exists, and then in order to have a close and lasting relationship with him we must believe that his promises are real, and this can only come from a wholehearted devotion to his presence in our life, and our entire life as a believer is lived out by his faith.

**Galatians 2: 20,....**I am crucified with Christ, nonetheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me....

As believers, we must learn to obey Gods word, even when we do not understand it, and this is the prescription for living a life that is well pleasing unto God. Even though we do not see ourselves as God sees us, which is through the righteousness of the sacrifice of God, we learn from the examples of his word, and therefore we accept it as evidence in our life so that we might experience fellowship with him, for it is that which is well pleasing unto God.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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