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HEBREWS 11:6, "And without *faith* it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

QUESTION: What does a life of faith look like?

I. FAITH IS BELIEVING WHEN I DON'T SEE IT (Hebrews 11:1).

TRUISM: Faith is seeing what isn't so, that it might be so, because God said so.

INSIGHT: Everything that's happened on this Hill was an impossibility before it became a reality, the difference maker being the leaders and people who believed that God had a plan for this Hill.

II. FAITH IS OBEYING WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT (Hebrews 11:8).

INSIGHT: At 75 Abraham began the greatest journey of his life and became the father of a nation...that's what faith looks like.

TRUTH: Faith always involves risk.

TRUTH: A test of faith is how quickly you obey what God tells you.

III. FAITH IS GIVING WHEN I DON'T HAVE IT (Hebrews 11:4).

TRUTH: Biblical giving and faith in God are inseparable, because God uses finances to test us.

TRUTH: Fear-giving says: What can I afford to give? Faith-giving says: What does God want me to give?

IV. FAITH IS STAYING WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT (Hebrews 11:27).

TRUTH: Doing only what I feel like doing is the formula for immaturity.

DEFINITION: Success is doing what most other people don't feel like doing.

INSIGHT: Successful people fixate on a goal.

INSIGHT: You will accomplish the impossible only by seeing the invisible.

V. FAITH IS THANKING GOD IN ADVANCE (Hebrews 11:30).

DEFINITION: Thanking God after He answers is gratitude. Thanking God before He answers is faith.

VI. FAITH IS TRUSTING IF I DON'T GET IT (Hebrews 11:39).

TRUTH: Faith isn't intellectual assent... faith is a lifestyle.