Make Room in Your Faith! Make Room, Pt. 8 Mark 12:30-31; Hebrews 11 October 1, 2023

<u>**Hebrews 11:6**</u>, Without <u>faith</u> it is impossible to please God...

What Is Biblical Faith?

1) Faith Is Believing Before I <u>SEE IT</u>

<u>**Hebrews 11:1**</u>, Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about <u>what we do not see</u>.

2) Faith Is Obeying When I do Not UNDERSTAND IT

Hebrews 11:7, By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family... 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

3) Faith Is Choosing God's Path When It Is not EASY

Hebrews 11:24, By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 <u>He chose</u> to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He <u>regarded disgrace for the</u> sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith ... <u>he persevered</u> ... 4) Faith Is Giving God My Best OFFERING

<u>Hebrews 11:4</u>, By faith Abel <u>brought God a better</u> <u>offering</u> than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

Ezekiel 2:1, He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." 2 As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. 4 The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' 5 And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. 6 And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briers and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. **7** You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.

Ezekiel 36:24, For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. **28** Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 37:1, The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. **2** He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

Ezekiel 37:3, He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." **4** Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

Ezekiel 37:5, This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord." 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me. "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live."" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came

to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

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Three Goals For Our Make Room Campaign:

- 100% Participation at Some Level
- \$10 Million in Offerings and 24 Month Commitments
- Give God All the Glory in Our Church