

BETTER

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Week 22 – A Better Relationship with God

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SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. Hebrews 11 is sometimes known as the "Hall of Faith" chapter in the Bible. It is a highlight reel of some of the noteworthy ways in which God's people trusted Him to work in and through them. Share something from your personal highlight reel...a time or event in which God worked through you in a way that you never expected He would...

Ponderings:

2. Like every character listed in Hebrews 11, our lives are filled with moments of greatness combined with moments of goof-ups. What does Hebrews 11 tell us about the way God sees us in light of the New Covenant, especially flowing out of chapter 10 (verses 17 & 39)?
3. Consider the way faith/trust/belief is defined in Hebrews 11:1. Once we are saved by this faith through trusting in Jesus, how does living by faith in our daily lives proceed from that? What does it mean to trust Jesus to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit in and through us, and how is this posture different from trying to manufacture good works or obedience in the flesh?
4. "Without faith it is impossible to please God," verse 6 declares. In what sense is all sin ultimately rooted in a lack of faith?
5. Because we are now eternally pleasing TO God through Christ's finished work of redemption, our obedience can bring joy to our Father's heart because we are acting in responsive faith rather than with a mindset of earning His favor. Why is it so easy to forget this in the way we sometimes relate to God? Explain...

Promptings:

6. Because of the New Covenant, it is a joy to walk in obedience to God. There is no pressure to perform, but only a response of faith and love from our hearts. Is this the posture of obedience that flows from your life currently? If not, what perspective(s) might you need to surrender to the truth so that your journey with Jesus is filled with greater joy?