

Prayer Updates



WEEK 1

Moving from Discouragement to Faith

September 29 & 30, 2007

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HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Adrienne Gomes – twice weekly radiation at hospital for brain cancer treatment, plus weekly chemo at oncology for breast cancer

Chris Ramsey – Stanford, fork lift accident, crushed his left foot and part of his leg, muscle and nerve issues

David Kiff – stopped breathing at home for unknown reasons, coming out of an induced coma

John “Johnny” Stocker – Dominican NICU, born 9/9

Marcia Pelton – advanced cancer (daughter Leah, at home with Huntington’s disease)

Tristan Beverly (parents Nathan & Catherine) – at Stanford PICU, born 8/15

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Carol Perrigo, Gode Apon, Ken Wantland, Leslie Douglass, Trudi Jackson, Carol Perrigo, Phyllis Russell

HOME WITH THE LORD

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Sue Lane in the sudden loss of her twin sister, **Shelly Ledbetter**, who died in Colorado while helping her in-laws make a move. Also remember Shelly’s husband, Rod, as he makes decisions while experiencing this great distress.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update online at www.tlc.org/profiles.**

Two approaches to life:

1. _____

2. _____

“Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.” *Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)*

• Faith is the way to please God

“Without **faith** it is impossible to please God.” *Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)*

• Faith is a key to lasting relationships

“Love never gives up, never loses **faith**, is always hopeful...” *1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)*

• Faith gives me confidence

“Therefore we are always **confident** and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by **faith**, not by sight.” *2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NIV)*

• Faith dramatically increases my capacity and effectiveness

“Anyone who has **faith** in Me will do what I have been doing, even **greater** things.” *Jn. 14:12 (NIV)*

• Faith can solve impossible problems

“If you have **faith** as small as a mustard seed, **nothing** will be impossible to you.” *Matt. 17:20 (NIV)*

• Faith opens doors to miracles

“According to your **faith**, it will be done unto you.” *Matthew 9:29 (NIV)*

• Faith encourages others

“In all our distress and persecution we were encouraged because of your **faith**.” *1 Thes. 3:7 (NIV)*

The New Testament uses the word “faith” or the word “believing” _____ times!

What is faith?

Biblical faith is not:

_____ thinking

_____ thinking

_____ thinking

Biblical faith is the confident assurance that God has the...

_____ to do anything through the
_____ of Christ and has a
_____ for history that includes me!

Do I live by faith? A diagnostic...

What are the results of "little faith"?

- _____
"Jesus said, 'And why **worry**? ... Why do you have so **little faith**?' *Matthew 6:28,30 (NLT)*
- _____
"Jesus said, 'Why are you **afraid**? You have so **little faith**!' Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm." *Matthew 8:26 (NLT)*
- _____
"When Peter saw the wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. 'Save me, Lord!' he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. 'You have so **little faith**,' Jesus said. 'Why did you **doubt** me?' *Matthew 14:30-31 (NLT)*
- Lack of spiritual _____
"Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, 'You have so **little faith**! ... Why can't you **understand** that I'm not talking about bread? So again I say, Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.'" *Matthew 16:8,11 (NLT)*
- Lack of spiritual _____
"Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, 'Why couldn't we cast out that demon?' 'You have **little faith**,' Jesus told them. 'I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.'" *Matthew 17:19-20 (NLT)*

Key Truth:

Often my faith is the _____
that determines an outcome in my life!

Ask yourself: "Where do **I** have little faith?"

How God Builds My Faith

STUDY:

"**Faith** comes from hearing the Word of God..." *Romans 10:17 (NIV)*

CHALLENGES:

"These trials are only to test your **faith**... and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold... it will bring you much praise and honor on the day of his return." *1 Peter 1:7 (LB)*

40 Days of Faith Overview

What Hebrews 11 reveals about faith:

WEEK 2:

How to Move Out in Faith (Hebrews 11:8-21)

"It was faith that made Abraham **obey** when God called him and **go out** to a country God had promised to him. He left his own country **without knowing where he was going**." *Heb. 11:8 (GN)*

- We launch our 100,000 pound food drive for Second Harvest!

WEEK 3:

How to Overcome My Fears with Faith (Hebrews 11:22-28)

"It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and **was not afraid** of the King's anger. **He held to his purpose** like a man who could see the invisible." *Hebrews 11:27 (JB)*

WEEK 4:

How to Change the World through Faith (James 2:14-26)

"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." *James 2:26 (NIV)*

- Oct 27: Sharefest (We'll go into the community and do good!)
- Oct. 27,28: Final weekend for food drive

WEEK 5:

How to Have Faith God Can Use Me! (Hebrews 11:31-35)

"By faith these people... shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. **Their weakness was turned to strength**." *Hebrews 11:34 (JB)*

WEEK 6:

How to Keep the Faith in Tough Times (Hebrews 11:35-40)

"Others trusted God and were tortured, preferring to die rather than turn from God..." *Heb. 11:35b (JB)*

WEEK 7:

How to Finish the Race of Faith (Hebrews 12:1-3)

"Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us... run with endurance the race God has set before us!" *Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)*

"It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." *Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)*



Memory Verse

"Anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."
Hebrews 11:6b (NIV)