

# Prayer Updates

**40** DAYS OF  
**FAITH**

WEEK 3

## Facing My Fears with Faith

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### HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

David Kiff – Stanford, pacemaker and defibrillator

Diana Kawamoto – surgery 11/16

Gerry Zamzow – congestive heart failure, will be going to Santa Cruz Healthcare

John “Johnny” Stocker – born 9/9 weighing less than five pounds, expected to remain in NICU up to two months

Leslie Douglass – procedure at UCSF 10/12

Marcia Pelton – advanced cancer (she is caregiver for her daughter Leah, at home with Huntington’s disease)

Nancy Bittinger – back injury

Phyllis Russell – heart attack

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

**Recent hospitalizations/surgeries:** Eileen LaFrance, Howard Mettler, Lisa McMillan, Chris Ramsey, Adrienne Gomes, Dick Downs

### HOME WITH THE LORD

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Yolanda Saucedo as she and her family cope with the loss of her mother. “We know she is home with the Lord, but we miss her very much. Pray especially for our father who lost his partner of 60-plus years.”

### What is “Stephen Ministry”?

“God’s love in action” – a confidential one-to-one ministry of encouragement to individuals in our church family experiencing loss or a life crisis. **Who can become a Stephen Minister?** For more information, write “Stephen Ministry” on your Welcome card today – training begins October 23.

### 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](http://www.tlc.org/profiles).**

“By faith Moses left Egypt, **not fearing the king’s anger**; he **persevered** because he saw him who is invisible.” *Hebrews 11:27*

*But Moses did not start this way!*

“(God said to Moses...) So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” *Exodus 3:10*

### Moses’ 5 Favorite Excuses:

**Excuse #1: “ \_\_\_\_\_ !” (Exodus 3:11)**

**God’s answer: “ \_\_\_\_\_ .”**

“And God said, ‘I will be with you...’” *Exodus 3:12*

“(Jesus said)...surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” *Matt. 28:20*

**Excuse #2: “ \_\_\_\_\_ !” (Exodus 3:13)**

**God’s answer: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

“God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say: ...“I AM has sent me to you... The LORD, the God of your fathers... has sent me to you...Say to them, ‘The LORD... appeared to me...’” *Exodus 3:14-17*

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard...” *1 John 1:3 (See Acts 4:20)*

**Excuse #3: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ?” (Exodus 4:1)**

**God’s answer: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

“This,’ said the LORD (referring to the miraculous signs), ‘is so that they may believe that the LORD... has appeared to you.’” *Exodus 4:2-5*

“(Jesus said) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” *Acts 1:8*

**Excuse #4: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (Exodus 4:10)**

**God’s answer: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

“The LORD said to him, ‘Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.’” *Exodus 4:11-12*

“The Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.” *Luke 12:11-12*

# 40 Days of Faith Overview

What Hebrews 11 reveals about faith:

**Excuse #5: “ \_\_\_\_\_ !” (Exodus 4:13)**

**God’s answer: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

“What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you... I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.” *Exodus 4:14-15*

“Now all of you together are Christ’s body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” *1 Cor. 12:27 (NLT)*

## What Can I Do Next?

- **Check out the TLC Chili Cook-Off and Ministry Fair**  
Outside all weekend long! Discover how you can plug in here at TLC!
- **Sharefest is Saturday, October 27th**  
Sign up this weekend for service projects at the table outside!
- **Class 301: Discovering My Ministry Shape**  
Next weekend, 4–8pm in the Choir Room. Dinner and child care provided.  
No advance registration necessary!

## Daily Meditations

This week’s daily meditations are in the book “40 Days of Faith”  
or online at [www.tlc.org/40days](http://www.tlc.org/40days)

### 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

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” *Josbua 1:9 (NIV)*