



WELCOME TO COWPLAIN CHURCH Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER At Your Name (Lord of all the earth)
This is our God (Your Grace is enough)

PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Great, is Your faithfulness
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER The Lords my shepherd (I will trust)
BIBLE READING Hebrews 11:1-2, 12:1-4 (Church Bible page 1261)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Turn your eyes upon Jesus



Courageous ~2
How to have confident faith in God's promises
Hebrews 11:1-2, 12:1-4

A QUESTION TO CONSIDER:

What should people _____ when they hear the term Christian?

TWO KEY WORDS:

What is _____ with us?

What _____ wrong with us?

TWO PRINCIPLES ABOUT FAITH AND GOD'S PROMISES

1. Faith is _____ that God will keep His promises.

'Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.' Hebrews 11:1-2 NIV

'All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.' Hebrews 11:13 NIV

'Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawn in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated.' Hebrews 11:36-37 NIV

'The world was not worthy of them.' Hebrews 11:38 NIV

'These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.' Hebrews 11:39-40 NIV

They were looking _____ and were _____.

We are looking _____ and yet we're so _____.

2. Faith is _____ because God has kept His promises.

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.' Hebrews 12:1 NIV

'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.' Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

'In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.' Hebrews 12:4 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What do you think comes to most people's minds when they hear the word 'Christian'? Why?
2. What are some things about our world that tempt you to view Christianity as fragile?
 - How do you think those assumptions influence your relationship with Jesus?
3. Read Hebrews 11:1-2. How would you define faith based on v1?
 - How does the examples of the ancients, see v2, help us in our faith today?
4. Read Hebrews 11:36-38. What would that kind of faith look like for you?
 - Does the idea of having the kind of faith that would make the world unworthy of you seem realistic or attainable? Why or why not?
 - How would it change our world/community if we had this kind of faith?
5. During the message, Pastor Phill said, "Faithfulness shines brighter during times of uncertainty." Talk about a time when uncertainty made your faith shine brighter.
6. In what area of your life are you successful at looking forward and being faithful?
 - What are some practical ways you can you apply your approach to an area of life in which you're tempted to look backward and be fearful?
7. Read Hebrews 12:1. How do we persevere in our faith?
 - How does the examples of other Christians help spur us on?
8. Read Hebrews 12:2-3. What is one thing you can do to fix your eyes on Jesus instead of safety, security, and comfort? How can this group support you?

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