

## THRIVE AT HOME – Audacious Faith – week 1

### Monday - Noah's Audacious Faith - Genesis 7, Genesis 8, Hebrews 11:1, 2 Corinthians 5:7

When was the last time you heard from God and thought this is crazy? How in the world am I supposed to make this happen? What happens if my friends make fun of me? This is when we need audacious faith to sit back and watch God move in ways we have never expected before. "Faith will never make you look foolish. Just ask Noah." - Matthew Hagee

Noah had audacious faith; God asked him to do something so crazy, and even though everyone made fun of him, he still listened and waited for God's provision through it all. Noah is a landmark figure in the history of redemption because he was a living example of "the just living by faith." How can you wait like Noah with audacious faith? You can by always trusting God, believing in His Word, and acting in obedience. Noah had never seen anything like a global flood before and may not have even known every kind of animal that God was bringing to the boat. All he had to go on was God's character and knowing God's promise to one day end Adam's curse and crush the serpent's head. (Genesis 3:15) After God told him a great flood was coming, Noah made practical preparations for something he "had not seen." He had audacious faith and a reverent fear of God. He acted on his faith no matter how crazy it may have seemed to the world around him. **Prayer:** God, give me faith like Noah. Help me to have complete trust in Your provision and to have faith in the waiting. Help me not to worry about what others are saying but to listen to your voice above all the other voices. Thank you, God, for the provision in the waiting, for the undeniable peace, and for understanding when things don't make sense.

### Tuesday – Daniel's Audacious faith - Daniel 6, Psalms 91

What kind of faith do you possess? Is it bold and audacious or timid and hesitant? Timid faith is constrained by fear, whereas audacious faith is emboldened by courage. Timid faith fixates on the material aspects of life, while audacious faith centers on the spiritual realm. Timid faith makes decisions based on human limitations, whereas audacious faith makes decisions based on the limitless possibilities of God. The inclusion of Daniel's audacious faith story in the Bible aims to shape our thoughts, and habits, and to provide insights to navigate life. We can glean practical lessons from his story to cultivate audacious faith within ourselves. First, we must establish a solid foundation. It is never too late to build a foundation of faith. Dedicate your life wholeheartedly to Christ, engage in continuous Bible reading, and integrate it into your daily life. Secondly, commit to unwavering faith, remaining steadfast regardless of circumstances, just as Daniel did, even when facing the threat of death. In times of adversity, we must stand firm in our faith, irrespective of the outcome. Thirdly, prioritize intimate communion with God through prayer, supplication, and fasting. Dedicate time to study His Word, embracing its prophetic wisdom. Invest late nights in contemplation and rise early to seek His promises, proclaiming them over your life. Sustain an attitude of continual prayer throughout your days, seeking solace in private moments with God. Finally, in the face of trials and challenging circumstances, let us follow Daniel's example and offer praise to God, even when our lives are at stake. Let us exhibit audacious faith by boldly standing for Christ, even when the world diverges. These practices will lay the foundation for unyielding faith, granting us a profound spiritual grounding. With a heart devoted to God, a hunger for His Word, a firm grasp on His promises, a vibrant prayer life, and an understanding of His sovereign power, we shall mirror Daniel's audacious faith and become catalysts for change in the world. **Prayer:** Dear God, grant me faith like Daniel, even in the midst of seemingly hopeless situations. Bestow upon me audacious faith, enabling me to trust in You completely. You have my unwavering devotion and all my thoughts. Guide me to your dwelling place.

### Wednesday – David's Audacious Faith - 1 Samuel 17, John 14:12, 1 John 2:27

"I obey... right away!" The call resounds in the VK room, marking the beginning of every kid's service at Church. It's a simple concept: teach children that delayed obedience is disobedience. But as adults, are we also guilty of disobedience? Are we neglecting the tasks the Almighty has called us to because we feel inadequate? Does the timing seem unfavorable, or does God's instructions appear nonsensical? Are we telling God that we'll handle it on our own, relying on our resources and timing—a display of pride rather than faith? What we truly need is a surrendered faith. David relied on God's promises, fortified by past deliverances, and believed in the Lord's word. His audacious faith surpassed his fear of the giant. We have much to learn from David—choosing audacious faith over fear, walking confidently because of the presence of God and the anointing upon him. Our faith should motivate us, not be hindered by fears. Ultimately, everything should be for God's glory, prioritizing His reputation over personal victories. We must remember that the battle belongs to the Lord. Often, we feel alone in our struggles, but if we live for God, He is always present, regardless of the circumstances. David lacked proper armor, military training, and even adulthood. The seasoned warriors of Israel deemed the challenge insurmountable. Yet, David trusted in the Lord and refused to let circumstances dictate God's power. He didn't wait for an opportune moment; instead, he embraced what God had already provided, trusting that the Lord would supply the rest. That, my friends, is audacious faith! **Prayer:** God, help me obey promptly and place my faith in You. You have never failed me before, so why

would You fail me now? Thank You for anointing me and guiding me toward my purpose. Grant me the ability to live fully in my purpose each day and to faithfully follow You. May I align with Your timing, not my own.

#### **Thursday - Abraham's Audacious Faith— Genesis 22:1-22, Philippians 4:19, Isaiah 55:8-9**

Have you ever been asked to do something so outrageous, but you stepped into faith and something miraculous happened? In Genesis 22, God asked Abraham to do something so outrageous, and Abraham did it with audacious faith. He told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains...they traveled a little farther, and Isaac asked his dad, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering." "God will provide the sheep for the offering." Abraham already had audacious faith knowing that God was going to provide and He did. "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9. These verses are powerful. God's plans are not always what we want, but they are always better. I had my dream job; I loved everyone I worked with; I loved the kids. I worked at my favorite place to be, and all my kids went to school there. A week before school started, I got let go because of classroom size, but God took one of the hardest times of my life and turned it for good. Now I am going to college which has been paid for every single month when it is due, and I'm growing so much in my walk with Christ, learning so much, and I have made amazing friends. This is exactly where I need to be right now. When you pray bold prayers and have audacious faith God will lead you and provide everything you need. Don't be afraid to trust in the Lord when it doesn't make sense. Faith does its greatest work in the face of your biggest adversity. Step out with your audacious faith and your bold prayers and trust God to do something miraculous. **Prayer:** God, help me to trust you when things don't make sense. Send me the peace and reassurance that you have everything under control. God, help me to take my thoughts captive and turn them into audacious faith. Thank you for being Jehovah Jireh.

#### **Friday - Peter's Audacious Faith - Matthew 14:22-36, Romans 8:32, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:1**

Have you recently taken bold steps of audacious faith? Have you chosen obedience over fear? Are you tuning in to God's voice or allowing worldly voices to guide you? Peter demonstrated audacious faith when he ventured onto the water to be in the presence of Jesus. Around three o'clock in the morning, Jesus approached them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw Him, fear gripped their hearts, and they cried out, "It's a ghost!" Instantly, Jesus reassured them, saying, "Don't be afraid. Take courage. I am here." Upon hearing this, Peter called out, "Lord, if it's really you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus replied, "Yes, come." Encouraged by Jesus' words, Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking towards Him on the water. When Jesus commanded Peter to "come," he obediently followed Him, even though it defied logic. This is the essence of obedience accompanied by audacious faith. We must step into the unknown, even when it lacks rationality. When Peter ventured onto the water, he kept his eyes fixed on Jesus. As long as he looked at Jesus amidst the storm, he remained above the water. However, the moment he diverted his gaze, he began to sink. In the midst of our own storms, we must keep our focus on Jesus, regardless of the challenges we face. Audacious faith involves simply taking the next steps. It unlocks supernatural possibilities. Peter only experienced the supernatural power of walking on water when he placed his trust in Jesus. Fear will always drag us down, but audacious faith enables us to achieve the impossible. Jesus has promised to be with us always and that includes every storm we encounter. Instead of approaching Jesus with fear and anxiety, we should surrender everything to Him and allow Him to comfort and care for us. Listen to His voice amidst the storms of life. Take courage and fear not, for He is the Great I am! **Prayer:** Dear God, grant me audacious faith, even in the face of the impossible. Help me keep my eyes fixed on You throughout life's storms. Thank You for never abandoning me in the midst of these chaotic tempests but providing a safe refuge.

#### **FOR FAMILIES**

***Unpack this past Sunday's Next Gen at home to help your kids grow in their faith! Use a talk point in the car or around the table and have fun with the activities! Your home can THRIVE this week!***



#### **DINNER TABLE OR CAR RIDE QUESTIONS:**

- What is something amazing you've seen an ordinary person do?
- How do you know when someone around you needs help, encouragement, or kindness?
- What are some ways God might want to help people through our family this summer?
- Who can we pray for that we know today that needs a miracle? (stop to pray together as a family).

**Dare:** Find someone to pray for EVERY DAY this week! Ask God to show you someone you needs prayer at school or at home!

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS for IMPACT Sunday with special guests trained on Broadway.  
Come have fun at Dairy Days on Saturday at Montgomery Park!**