

COVENANT PARK BIBLE CAMP

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TIME ALONE WITH GOD

HEBREWS 12:1-3

DAY 1: A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

TESTIMONIES:

The "great cloud of

witnesses" in Hebrews 11

KEY VERSES: ROMANS 15:4, HEBREWS 11

As we walk through this week we want to examine our faith and move deeper, taking our next step in our relationship with God. A great place to start is to look at men and women of great faith that came before us. We call their stories "testimonies" because they are a testament to God's faithfulness. Hebrews 11, sometimes called "the faith hall of fame," is full of such testimonies. As you look at their stories, think about your own, where are you at?

What is happening in and around this passage?

DAY 2: THE INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

KEY VERSES: MATTHEW 4:19-20, 7:21-23

The people who followed Jesus weren't the rich or the popular, they where the people on the fringes. The people who responded to Jesus' invitation by following him did so because they knew how little they had going for them. To follow Jesus means living like him, for someone who as a life filled with worldly comforts the life Jesus in offering doesn't look very good, but to someone with very little it looks great. To know Jesus is, however, far more wonderful than either

What is happening in and around this passage?

TESTIMONIES:

Nathaniel: John 1:43-51 Nicodemus: John 3

Woman at the well: John 4 Rich young ruler: Matthew 19

How does it show God's faithfulness?

How did people respond to God's faithfulness?

Do you Identify with any of these characters?

How are you responding to Jesus in your life right now?

How does it show God's faithfulness?

How did people respond to God's faithfulness?

Do you Identify with any of these characters?

What is your next step of faith?

DAY 3: THE COST

KEY VERSES: HEBREWS 12:2, LUKE 9:21-25, ROMANS 5:8

We can look at the cost of our life in Christ in two ways. First, the cost that Jesus paid on the cross. Our salvation is costly but God offers it to us freely out of his great love for us. Second, that great love will not leave us in the life we had. Jesus beckons his children to a better life in him and this life requires us to leave behind our old one. Everything we have for the abundant life the Christ offers sounds like a pretty good deal to me.

What is happening in and around this passage?

DAY 4: ALL IN

TESTIMONY:

The woman in:

John 8:1-11

KEY VERSES: HEBREWS 12:1, GALATIANS 2:20-21

Through Christ's sacrifice we are free from sin and shame. What Christ did is final, once we are his, we are his. We, however, have a tendency to return to our old way of living, taking on burdens that are no longer ours to bear. It's easy to think that being "all in" for Jesus means working to be good enough for him, but that's not it at all. What he want from us is a relationship. He wants us to walk daily with him, and as we walk he transforms our hearts to be like his.

What is happening in and around this passage?

TESTIMONY:

Peter: John 18:10-11, 15-18, 25-27 John 21:7-8, 15-23 And through out the Gospels

How does it show God's faithfulness?

How did people respond to God's faithfulness?

How have you tried to earn your way to Jesus or prove yourself to him?

What shame or fear keeps you from drawing near to Jesus?

How does it show God's faithfulness?

How did people respond to God's faithfulness?

What is holding you back in you walk with Christ?

What can you do to live in closer relationship with Christ?

DAY 5: GO THE DISTANCE

KEY VERSES: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18, 1 PETER 1:3-4, REVELATION 21:3-5

DAY 6: SHARING YOUR STORY

KEY VERSES: REVELATION 12:11, ROMANS 1:16, HEBREWS 10:24-25

In Christ we have living hope. Nothing can take that away. Even if we die we get to go spend eternity with Jesus, and if we live we do so with the purpose and calling of Christ on our lives. Because of this we do not lose heart. We do not shrink back in the face of opposition, because what God says is greater than what man says, and heaven is greater than earth. Not that we live that perfectly, but that is the truth that we live in and Christ beckons us back when we stray from it.

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TESTIMONY:

John: The "disciple Jesus loved," and the author of John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation. John was faithful even when he was banish to an island for his faith.

Our testimony is one of the most powerful things we have in our faith walk. It can give unbelievers a more personal connection to the gospel, possible leading them to their own relationship with Christ. It can be a reminder of God's faithfulness in our lives when things are hard. It can build up our brothers and sisters. We all come from different backgrounds, and some of us might think our stories are boring, but God is working in your life, and if you share that story, it is powerful.

What is happening in and around this passage?

TESTIMONIES:

Paul: Acts 22:6-21

The woman at the well: John 4

How does it show God's faithfulness?

How did people respond to God's faithfulness?

What will you use to remind you of the hope that you have in Christ?

How does that change how you look at your priorities or struggles?

How does it show God's faithfulness?

Who can you share your story with?

Write about God's faithfulness in your life: