

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

(Hebrews 10:36) For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised" (ESV).

It takes as much faith to _____ as it does to be

The circumstances we ask God to _____ are often the ones
He is using to change us.

To have endurance faith we have to see things differently

1. Pain and _____

(Hebrews 11:26) He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. (Moses)

(Hebrews 11:34) Their weakness was turned to strength.

2. _____

(Hebrews 11:35) They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection.

(Hebrews 11: 39-40) All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us...

(Hebrews 10:39) We do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

Better Series

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Part 2 Better Faith

Wayne Murray

A study of the book of Hebrews

*Everyone wants a miracle but
nobody wants to be in position to need one.*

*Sometimes we want to pray things _____ when what we need
to do is pray _____.*

*We are so quick to GET OUT of situations that we don't get ANYTHING
out of them.*

(Hebrews 11:1) Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

(Hebrews 11:32-35) And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again.

These all had _____ Faith!

(Hebrews 11:35-38) There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These all had _____ Faith!

GIVING PRAYING FASTING PRAYER MODEL

Read Acts 10

Matthew 6:2,5,16 "When you give...pray....fast"

THANK AND WORSHIP GOD

For His Word that guides, protects, gives faith and provides hope

For the promises of God's Word (confess them)

For what He has done for you, your family, our church.

ASK GOD

For the same thing that happened to Cornelius and his house to happen at your house and in our church...

An **OPEN HEAVEN** over your home and our church. An open heaven means God and His angels have free reign to visit you, strengthen you and minister to you. An open heaven means the enemy's schemes and hindrances are bound and removed. (Matthew 18:18)

HOUSEHOLD SALVATION – lost family members , loved ones, and people in your circle of influence to turn to Christ with all their hearts. Pray for each one by name. Ask God for your entire family to come to Christ or return to Christ. Ask God to give you strategies to reach them. (Psalm 2:8)

DIVINE DIRECTION about the future for you, your family, your vocation, your children/grandchildren, and our church

DIVINE VISITATION. God would send His angels to visit you, your family, your loved ones and our church. Give dreams and visions for the future. God's messengers would move freely with no hindrance as they minister to you, your family and our church.

DIVINE REVELATION. Just as Cornelius and Peter saw a vision in Acts 10, give us eyes to see what others do not see. Give us spiritual revelation about our own lives, our own homes and families and about the future. Give us revelation about who we are in Christ and what God has called us to be and do.

OUTPOURING OF GOD'S SPIRIT in your life, your family and our church. Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit for the first time or again. Send a revival to your life, your home and our church.

DIVINE FAVOR – God's blessing would overtake you, your household and our church. Our children, grandchildren, community, places of business, schools, etc

Prayer and Fasting Dates for 2020

We are giving three days to fasting and prayer each month this year to believe God for VICTORY in 2020. These are the dates we have chosen for each month. We will end the fast each month at the conclusion of our First Wednesday Service.

March 2-3-4

March 30-31 and Apr 1

May 4-5-6

June 1-2-3

June 29-30 & July 1

August 3-4-5

August 31, Sep 1-2

October 5-6-7

November 2-3-4

November 30, Dec 1-2

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the fast in some way. Here are a few ideas on how to fast.

FULL FAST

This is a water only or water and juices only fast. Take special care if you work outside in the cold weather. If you are on medication of any kind please refer to your doctor before doing a full fast.

JEWISH FAST

This is not eating from sun up til sun down and is the type of fast practiced by the most people in the world.

DANIEL FAST

Similar to what Daniel did in the Old Testament. He ate no meats, sweets or breads.

PARTIAL FAST

Fast one or two meals per day

Fasting and Prayer Resources are available at the Red Information Tent in the Hub. For more information about how to fast go to www.graceassembly.org/21days