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"He opened for us a new
way, a living way . . ."

Hebrews 10:20

AN INVESTIGATION OF FAITH

Sam Renfro

In this month's newsletter I would like to share a few highlights from a recent sermon series as they both center around the theme of faith. I had no idea how much each week's sermon would be played out in my own life and the lives of those around me. At the conclusion of the first message, "The Beginning of Faith" which asked, "What is faith? What does faith look like? Why is faith important? How do you get faith?"; I challenged those listening to do something that was new and different, something that would cause them to live out their faith that week. God brought that challenge right back to me. After arguing with Him all the reasons why I couldn't do what He asked, He reminded me of what faith looks like and why it is so important. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to live by faith.

In order to "Build our Faith", the second message, we discovered that its not enough to just have faith but that faith must be activated, demonstrated and celebrated. Faith in and of itself is wonderful but left deactivated it becomes dormant, weak, little or really no faith at all. Once activated and demonstrated, it can truly be celebrated not only in our lives but also in the mind set of those seeing and being affected by faith that is put into action.

What can you think of that God cannot do? This was the premise for the third message: "The Boundaries of Faith". While looking at the Bible stories of David and Goliath, Peter walking on the water and the twelve Israelite spies sent into Canaan, we discovered that their focus was the problem with their faith. They focused on the obstacles instead of the opportunities, the present instead of the possibilities and then their own abilities rather than God's capabilities. Truly there is nothing that God cannot do. There are no boundaries to faith.

The final message God definitely used to make a great impact on me personally as well as those connected to Buffalo Ridge. I Peter 1:3-9 talks about several things concerning the "Balance of our Faith." The one that manifested itself the most comes from verses 6 and 7. "Even now though for a short time different kinds of troubles may make you sad. These troubles come to prove that your faith is pure. This purity of faith is worth more than gold, which can be proved to be pure by fire but will ruin." I found myself to be sad ☹ when we discovered a water leak here on the property. Unfortunately there were none of the usual signs that would indicate leakage, nothing except a very large water bill! We began the tedious process of eliminating possible weaknesses. We asked folks all over the country to pray for our situation. Aren't you glad God is concerned about the little things as well as the big ones? I started asking God to not only show us the leak but to "prove" our faith. I know that we don't like things to come into our lives that make us "sad" but God can use them to prove our faith, make us better for the experience and ultimately strengthen and grow our faith which according to the last part of verse 7 will bring praise and glory and honor which we can give to Jesus Christ.

I hope as we looked at faith this month that you will be able to take a thought or idea from this series and allow God to use it in your life in a way that will increase your faith!



The fruit of the Spirit is ... *faith*...

Galatians 5:22

*Faith is the substance of things hoped for
the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1*



Guest Schedule:

August

- 7 -10 Ministry Family Retreat
- 10 - 12 Ministry Supporter
- 10 - 13 Individual Retreat
- 19-21 Church Staff Retreat
- 22-24 Individual Retreat
- 27 Church Group - Painting Project
- 27 - 29 Ministry Family Retreat

September

- 9 - 10 Church Staff Retreat
- 16 - 17 Ladies Ministry Group Retreat

PRAISE REPORT: Thank you to all who joined with us to pray that we would be able to find the water leak. We only had to cancel one reservation. Praise the Lord! We truly do need your prayers and support in order to continue this ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness.

ADDRESS CHANGES: If you are changing your address (mail or email) especially those who change seasonally, please let us know either by email or phone when that will take place so we can stay in contact. Thank you!



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