



February 23, 2020
SERMON NOTES
John 1:4-5

Welcome to
Wonderland
“FAITH”

I. Introduction/Review

- A. Our frame of reference is cluttered with personal life _____.
- B. Christians believe that God became one of us to _____ things for us.
- C. Some people believe that Christianity requires mind numbing, experience _____ faith.

II. Hope and Faith

- A. _____ is wanting something to be with no guarantee.
- B. _____ is confidence that God is and will do what He promised to do.
- C. The heroes of the Old Testament lived by faith without seeing God's promise to Abraham _____.
- D. The man with _____ had faith that Jesus could heal him.

III. Settled at the Cross

- A. A _____ is abandoning faith because the church has signed God's name to promises God never made.
- B. God's love and trustworthiness was settled at the _____, not an answered prayer.
- C. There will be a lot of things we don't ever know, but where we stand with God is something we never have to _____ about.

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

We all wonder. When we fix our eyes somewhere other than on God, wonder leads to wander. If you wandered from the faith or are looking for the door, it's not because of Jesus. It's probably because you fixed your eyes on people, institutions, or a religion based on following rules. You may think Christianity requires mind-numbing experience denying faith, but what if that's not true.

Monday: Hebrews 11:1-2

How would you define the word "faith?" How does the faith described in these verses differ from your definition? How is it similar?

Tuesday: Genesis 12:1-5, Hebrews 11:13

God promised to make Abraham's family into a great nation that would bless the entire world. Abraham had tremendous faith in God although he never saw the fulfillment of the promise. Unlike Abraham, we are on the other side of the fulfillment of that promise. Does that make it easier for you to have more faith in God than it did for Abraham? Why or why not?

Wednesday: John 1:4-5

Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus' light can overcome the darkness in the world around you? Why or why not?

Thursday: Luke 5:12-13

This passage demonstrates the kind of faith Jesus is looking for in us. It's not about a faith where you know God will, it's about a faith where we simply know that God can. Do you have the kind of faith that knows God can transform your life? Why or why not?

Friday Romans 5:8

This passage reminds us that God's love and trustworthiness was not settled through your answered prayers it was settled at the cross. During the message, Eric said "There will always be things about faith that make you wonder, but God's love for you should not be one of them." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not?

MOVING FORWARD

If you wondered, then wandered, here is something to ponder: there will always be things about faith that make you wonder, but God's love for you should not be one of them. Two thousand years ago, light broke through the darkness in the town of Bethlehem. God communicated in no uncertain terms that he loves you. So take your eyes off the people, the institutions, and the legalism that caused you to lose faith and fix your eyes on Jesus. Fix your eyes on the wonder of his love.

Answers to the sermon notes: I A) experience, B) clarify, C) denying.

II A) Hope, B) Faith, C) fulfilled, D) leprosy.

III A) generation, B) cross, C) wonder.