Heart-to-Heart

Enoch’s Story: Faith in the Goodness of God

Week 3 | October 04, 2018

**Question:** Tell about an experience you went through when someone close to you died.

Hebrews 11:5-6
Genesis 5:21-24

Psalms 49:13-15
Psalm 73:21-26

The goodness of God is most evident when ________________________________

“...in these two verses the Psalmist, who grasped the living God as his portion, looks back to the unique and exceptional instance of Enoch, and with faith, said to himself, ‘Though the externals of Enoch’s end and mine may differ, their substance will be the same. I too shall cease to be seen of men one day because God will take me into the secret of His pavilion, by the loving clasp of His hand.’” – Alexander MacLaren, Bible Commentator

- Psalm 25:8
- Psalm 86:5
- Psalm 100:5
- Psalm 106:1
- Psalm 107:1
- Psalm 107:8,21,31
- Psalm 119:65-68
- Psalm 145:9
- Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19
Faith is a noun; it is *something we do*.

Faith says ____________________________________________________________

Trust is a verb; it is *something we have*.

Trust says ____________________________________________________________

“God’s promises are His way of saying, It’s you and me against the world.”
– Graham Cooke

Make it your habit to ask God, __________________________________________

“Taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed *is* the one *who* trusts in Him!.” Psalm 34:8

The Kingdom Perspective on Waiting: _____________________________________
Further Study:

1. Read and reflect on the chapter you received during the Time of Reflection. Rewrite some, or all, of the verse/s by personalizing them. Be sure to include your name at least once. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal why you chose that Word from Heaven. Consider studying "your" chapter inductively but if not, at least read it in other translations of the Bible. Read it in context. And look up key words in the verse in an English dictionary and/or Bible dictionary, like Vine’s Expository Dictionary.

2. Read pages 41-52 in How to Study Your Bible.

3. Read all of Hebrews 11 if you haven’t yet done so. Then read it again including 2-3 verses at the end of chapter 10 and beginning of chapter 12 and note if/how the author transitions between themes/topics. After this second reading write down any themes or “big idea” key words on the top of your observation sheets.

a. Even Deeper: Read the whole book of Hebrews. Then read it again. Write down themes, and consider the 5Ws and an H- is there anything more you can see in the text?

4. Look specifically at Hebrews 10:35-11:6

   a. Use your key words chart to start marking your observation sheets. Note any words you may want to look up for original language definitions later.

   b. Use a resource (Blue Letter Bible, Vines Expository Dictionary, Concordance, Google, etc. You can also use pg. 174 in How to Study Your Bible for additional resources) to look up FAITH in the original Greek. Write the definitions on your observation sheets. Do any of these definitions have special meaning to you? Consider the verses you read last week in further study on faith in light of this definition.

   c. Even Deeper

      i. Read these verses in several different translations (biblegateway.com is a great resource for this!). Note similarities and differences in the text- do any translations reveal something new?

      ii. Look up CONFIDENCE in the original Greek. Consider this definition in context of Hebrews 10:35

      iii. Look up DRAW BACK (Hebrews 10:38,39). Are there any specific correlations you can draw to “Confidence”? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal places in your life or your heart where you draw back or lack confidence.

5. Take a look at the examples of the Observation Sheets on the following pages. Don't be intimidated! Your inductive method does not have to look like anyone else's, especially at first. Notice big ideas like using key word identification and some of the cross-referencing (marking other places in scripture where ideas/words occur). See what you can add to your Observation Sheet to gain deeper understanding of these verses.
Hebrews 10:35-11:30 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

THEME: Faith:

35 So don't throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised. 37 For yet in a very little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. 38 But My righteous one will live by faith; and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not those who draw back and are destroyed, but those who have faith and obtain life.

11 Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. 2 For our ancestors won God's approval by it:

3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by God's command, so that what is seen has been made from things that are not visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man, because God approved his gifts, and even though he is dead, he still speaks through his faith.
5 By faith Enoch was taken away so he did not experience death, and he was not to be found because God took him away. For prior to his removal he was approved, since he had pleased God. 6 Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for the one who draws near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him. (He is a rewarder of those who seek Him)

7 By faith Noah, after he was warned about what was not yet seen and motivated by godly fear, built an ark to deliver his family. By faith he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went out to a place he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith even Sarah herself, when she was unable to have children, received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age, since she considered that the One who had promised was faithful. 12 Therefore from