

Finding Faith For Crossing Over July 5+6 2008

God has a Promised Life for you that He has already given; you get it by picking and eating His fruit, and eventually you become a producer of his fruit. He wants you to get His very best. John 10:10b

The Promised Life has seven fruits that are ripe for the picking!

1. Eternal life through the complete forgiveness of your sins
2. Ever deepening, life giving relationship with Christ
3. Christ like character and wholeness
4. Mutually satisfying, Christ honoring relationship
5. Meaningful life purpose and ministry
6. Abundant grace and power for all of life's challenges
7. Overflowing financial provision

To move into this Promised Life, often there are barriers to cross, decisions to make, the comfort of a familiar life to leave, and challenges to face that require Finding Faith. This was true for God's chosen people. Joshua 3

Last week we talked about checking out the Promised Life, how we:

1. Refuse to be content with anything less than His best
2. Pray fervently for what you don't have but know God wants you to get.
3. Find believers who have what you want and ask them to show you how they got it.
4. Let your checking out intensify your commitment to getting God's best whatever the cost. Today, we are looking at...

I. Five L's to Finding Faith for Crossing Over into the Promises of God:

1. Learn the truth that God has been faithful in the past.

He is faithful today, and He will be faithful in the future. He is glorified when we learn He is faithful. Deuteronomy 7:9
Psalms 89:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:24

2. Leave the comfort and security of where you've been camped. He is glorified when we leave for Him. Joshua 3:14a
God often calls us to leave the familiar and comfortable because He has something better, grander, more fruit-full for us to do with our lives, that will bring glory to Him.

1 Peter 2:9b-12

3. Look to God for guidance in your faith journey. He is glorified when we look to Him. Joshua 3:3b , Psalms 119:105 ,
John 16:13-14

4. Live in such a way that nothing dilutes your faith. He is glorified when we live for Him. Joshua 3:5, Philippians 4:8

5. Leap into the water and watch God work, even if the water is at flood stage. He is glorified when in response to His urging, we take a leap of faith. Joshua 3:15

II. What can you expect God will do when you step out to follow Him in faith?

1. God will do great things in your life, wonderful things in you that only He can do. Joshua 3:5 , Romans 8:28

2. God will lead you into the Promised Life, and produce fruit of significance and value in you. Ephesians 2:10

3. God will work through you to bring freedom and blessing to you, to those you love, and to all those God brings across your Promised Life. Joshua 3:17, Jeremiah 29:11-14a

The decision you make to find faith and cross over into the Promised Life impacts not only you, but generations who follow you. Your crossing could blaze a trail of blessing for your children and grandchildren.

Discussion Questions:

1. How has God been faithful to you in the past?
2. Where have you been camped for awhile?
3. What area of comfort is it hardest to imagine leaving?
4. What dilutes your faith?
5. How do you imagine God might be able to use you?