

GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesday Corporate Virtual Bible Study via ZOOM (7/21/20)

“Leaving a LEGACY” – Hebrews 11:1-7

I. OVERVIEW – 2020 has definitely unfolded in ways that most wouldn’t have thought, fathomed, or imagined. The worldwide pandemic, protests, and political unrest all around us have truly made this year a challenging one. Similarly, many people have transitioned from this life to the next due to sickness, murder, natural causes, and a sundry of other reasons. Specifically, three civil rights icons have passed this year. These drum majors for justice include Rev. Joseph Lowery, Rev. C.T. Vivian, and Congressman John Lewis. As men of faith, it is clear that God used them to better the lives of others, to advance God’s Kingdom, and to leave a lasting legacy. Hence through of lens of Hebrews 11, we must all wrestle with the question, “what will my legacy?”

II. Who are some CIVIL RIGHTS HEROS and HEROINES that have left a legacy?

1. Harriet Tubman, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Dorothy Cotton, Prathia Hall.
2. Martin Luther King, Jr., Vernon Johns, Ralph Abernathy, Fred Shuttlesworth
3. Bayard Rustin, James Baldwin, Wyatt Tee Walker, Hosea Williams.
4. Mary McLeod Bethune, Dorothy Height, Coretta Scott King, Juanita Abernathy.

III. What are you LEAVING BEHIND?

1. What **DEPOSITS** have you made into the lives of others?
2. How has God **INVESTED** in you so that you could invest in others?
3. How have you **CONTRIBUTED** to making your community better?
4. Who have you **DONATED** your time to helping?
5. Have you used your **GIFTS, TALENTS, and SKILLS** for God’s glory?
6. What **LESSONS** from the Bible have strengthened your faith?
7. What **WISDOM** have you written down for the next generation?
8. Who have you helped **LEAD** to Christ?
9. Have you shared your **STRUGGLES** to help give others winning strategies?
10. Where do you spend most of your time **SERVING** others?
11. How have you exercised your faith to help **LIFT** others?
12. When was the last time you spoke **ENCOURAGING** words to someone?
13. How have you **CHALLENGED** the status quo?
14. Have you made any financial **SACRFICES** to help family members?
15. Can someone say that you have been a **MODEL, MENTOR, or EXAMPLE?**

IV. How does God work through human beings?

1. God uses **ORDINARY** people to do **OUTSTANDING** things
2. God uses **REGULAR** people to do **REMARKABLE** things!
3. God uses **EVERYDAY** people to do **EXCEPTIONAL** things!
4. God uses **AVERAGE** people to do **AMAZING** things!

V. What does the BIBLE say about faith?

- **Matthew 17:20** - "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
- **Mark 9:23** - "Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe? All things are possible for one who believes.'"
- **2 Timothy 4:7** - "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** - "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
- **Romans 10:17** - "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
- **Mark 10:52** - "'Go,' said Jesus. 'Your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road."
- **Matthew 21:22** - "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."
- **2 Corinthians 5:7** - "For we walk by faith, not by sight."
- **John 20:29** - "Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"
- **Hebrews 11:6** - "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."
- **Mark 11:24** - "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

V. What are the SPIRITUAL TRUTHS found in Hebrews 11:1-6?

1. Faith takes **RISK** to trust God (v.1)
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
2. Faith earns us a good **REPUTATION** with God (v.2)
"For by it the elders obtained a good report."
3. Faith must be **RELEASED** before things are revealed (v.3)
"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."
4. Faith is seen as **RIGHTEOUSNESS** in the eyes of God (v.4)
"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."
5. Faith positions us to be **RAISED** by above our predicament (v.5)
"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."
6. Faith is **REQUIRED** to please God (v.6)
"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."