

Why God Uses Some People More Than Others

Hebrews 10:35-11:8; 12:1-3

Series: How To Be A Christian Without Being Religious – Part 6

Introduction

Thesis: God specializes in using ordinary people to do extraordinary things!

Restatement: Our “limitations” are not prohibitors to God using our lives, but the very platform on which He chooses to display His grace.

Condition: But something has to happen to ordinary people if God is going to use them to do extraordinary things. In fact God’s primary agenda for each of our lives centers around this one simple, but profound thing happening in each of our lives.

- ◆ This **one thing** is not dependant on...
 - our intelligence
 - our education
 - our giftedness
 - our background
 - our wealth
 - our personality

- ◆ This **one thing** is available to every believer of every age without partiality.
- ◆ This **one thing** is what separates religious people from those who revolutionize their world.
- ◆ This **one thing** can transform the most mundane and ordinary of our world into those who shape and make history.
- ◆ This **one thing** is what God commends and values most in his people.
- ◆ This **one thing** is what brings pleasure to the Heart of God 100% of the time.
- ◆ This **one thing** is always rewarded by God.
- ◆ This **one thing** is the basis upon which God evaluates your life at any given moment, in any given circumstance, in any given situation.
- ◆ This **one thing** is what God is “seeking and developing” and to grow in your life above all else.
- ◆ What is this **one thing**?

The answer = _____

Hebrews 10:35-11:8 (NIV)

³⁵So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. ³⁶You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. ³⁸But my righteous one will live by **faith**. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." ³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

¹Now **faith** is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By **faith** we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴By **faith** Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by **faith** he still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵By **faith** Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

⁶And 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.

⁷By **faith** Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his **faith** he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by **faith**.

⁸By **faith** Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Eight Tools to Grow Your Faith

1. _____ - Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.
2. _____ - Give our first and best to God.
3. _____ - More is caught than taught.
4. _____ - The power of sanctified dreaming.
5. _____ - Track God's workings in your life.
6. _____ - Tests are a required course in God's school of faith.
7. _____ - Ask God for a clear call in your life.
8. _____ - Where there is no risk there is no faith.

Application:

(Hebrews 12:1-3)

1. Persevere, Endure! Don't give up!
2. Step out! Take a risk!
3. Refuse to tolerate the status quo!
4. Step in to His promises rooted in His character!

Why?

- ◆ Because we are all just ordinary people whom God wants to use to do extraordinary things in our sphere of influence.
- ◆ You are the hope of the world! You are God's Church. There is NO limit to what God can and will do if you only...believe.

What's Your Next Step of Faith?

1. Where did God speak to you? What dreams are on your heart?
2. Which of the eight tools do you need to get in your spiritual toolbox?
3. Who will go on this journey with you?