BE AN EXAMPLE

Lesson #4 -Example in Faith

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-4

Introduction:

- 1. We must be an example in faith even when other do not follow a. E.g. Noah, Joshua & Caleb
 - b. Faith is from the Greek word "pistis" meaning "faith" or "faithfulness"
- 2. We honor God by being an example to others in our faith toward God.
- 3. Our faith in God is exemplified through...

I. FAITH IN GOD

- A. EXAMPLES OF FAITH
 - 1. Abel -Although he is dead, he still speaks -He 11:4
 - 2. Enoch -pleased God
 - 3. Noah -built the ark out of fear of things not yet seen
- B. REACTION TO OUR FAITH
 - 1. Sometimes people will not follow -Nu 13-14
 - 2. Sometimes people will follow -Jo 6:1-ff
- C. OUR FAITH
 - 1. Our faith is exemplified by hearing the word of God and following what he says -Ja 1:22 a. In the teachings on salvation -Mk 16:16
 - b. In the teachings on worship -Ep 5:19, Co 3:16
 - 2. Our faith is steadfast even when the faith of others falter.

II. FAITHFULNESS TOWARD GOD

- A. FAITHFUL IN TIMES OF DISTRESS
 - 1. David was under distress and strengthened himself in the Lord -1Sa 30:6
 - 2. We too should find strength in the Lord during difficult times
- B. FAITHFUL IN TIMES OF EASE
 - 1. When life is going well it is tempting to turn from God -De 6:10-ff
 - 2. We see this around us today

Conclusion:

- 1. At all times we are to be an example to others of Christ living in us -Ga 2:20, 1Co 11:1
- 2. Whether or not people follow us in our example is uncertain, but we must follow regardless