

Faith for a Lifetime

Pastor Tim Layfield | December 4, 2022

Message Thread: Faith shapes our decisions for today and tomorrow.

Key Text: Luke 1:5 – 25 NLT

People of faith will experience doubt.

- Doubt focuses on what we can't do rather than on what God CAN do!
 - "I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years." Luke 1:18 NLT
- Doubt robs us of blessing.
 - "Then the angel said, 'I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born.'" Luke 1:19-20 NLT
 - What is doubt robbing you of?
 - What are you focused on? What you CAN'T do or what God CAN do?

Faith for a lifetime – the life of Joseph

- Living in the promise
 - In Famine – As a slave and prisoner, Joseph lived in the promise and faith of God.
 - In Feast – Even when Joseph was promoted, he didn't forget his God. His life reflected Godly character (faithfulness, forgiveness, fairness).
- Planning for the promise
 - "It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left." Hebrews 11:22 NLT

- God's promises are already in your hands.
 - The promise of FREEDOM
 - The promise of HOPE
 - The promise of PEACE
 - The promise of POWER
 - The promise of ETERNITY
 - The promise of TRANSFORMATION
 - The promise of HIS PRESENCE

Final Thought

- Are there doubts that are keeping you from blessings?
- What do you need to lay down and let God pick up?
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