

BC Part 6- Choosing Movement

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 KJV

By 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. Hebrews 11:3

Decisions are where our faith becomes real or remains theoretical.

Biblical faith requires choosing movement in the direction of God.

(Slide Only) *One of the greatest practical acts of faith in all of history is Noah's cutting down the first tree.*

23 By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. Hebrews 11:23

Very often, God's blessing comes with a burden.

Life as a follower of Jesus requires constant decision making.

24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. Hebrews 11:24-27

don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. James 4:4

You will never have the peace of Christ if you are just trying to fit him neatly into your life.

14 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for

yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:14-15

(Slide only) *Do you regard disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of the world?*

When we make decisions that honor God, we will be one step closer to the peace and freedom that comes only when we honor Jesus.