

True faith is not abstract. The kind of faith that pleases God has stories attached to it. In this series we will look at some of the Bible's best faith stories retold in Hebrews 11. They are stories of courage, stories of resilience, stories worth remembering. And since their God is our God, our remembering can inspire us to live some faith stories of our own.

Week 2: ... Walks The Talk

- 1. Rick began by stressing "the importance of the discipline of intentional remembering." Why is this so important? What are some ways we do this regularly and how do these things encourage you to practice a faith worth remembering?
- 2. WHAT GOD WANTS. Read Hebrews 11:4-7. What resonates with you the most from the stories of Abel, Enoch, and Noah? Follow up: There are 2 ways to live: "the way of Cain" (Jude 11 & Genesis 4:16) or the way of God (Genesis 5:24, 6:9). When are you most tempted to choose "the way of Cain"? What is most appealing about God's way?
- 3. **Faith worth remembering** *walks the talk.* Why is it interesting that Abel, Enoch, and Noah *never speak in the stories the author retells*? What is significant about what God wants according to **Micah 6:8**? Follow up: *To walk with God is to refuse to live a compartmentalized life, but to live all of life conscious of His presence.* How do you navigate this tension in your life? When are you most tempted to compartmentalize your life? What practices can help you live all of life conscious of God's presence?
- 4. **GOD IS PLEASED...** by *an obedient walk*. How should our obedience mirror Noah's (**Genesis 6:22 & 7:5**)? Follow up: Why is our hesitancy to obey not really an information problem (share some examples of how we sometimes do this)?
- 5. GOD IS PLEASED... by a resilient walk. What did it cost Noah to follow God? Follow up: When has following God cost you something and what inspired you to be resilient?
- 6. **GOD IS PLEASED...** by *a patient walk*. How did Noah model patience as he built the ark? How did Enoch's story probably inspire Noah and how does it encourage you?
- 7. **WALKING WITH GOD...** is a warning and a witness. Why are both important and necessary (see Jude 14-15 & Hebrews 12:23-24)? Follow up: What is one thing you can do this week in your faith walk to help others hear a better word?

