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*Words That Move Us
From Believer to Disciple*

COURAGEOUS FAITH

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KEY POINTS

- Faith is not a feeling, a blind leap, a mere set of beliefs, or a system of positive confession, but rather an assurance and conviction rooted in the evidence of God's faithfulness.
- Courageous faith hears God's word and obeys it, even when obedience is counter-cultural or costly.
- Courageous faith risks human certainty for God's surety, banking on the promises of God rather than earthly security.
- Courageous faith sometimes means going when God calls, and sometimes means staying when God calls, both requiring genuine trust.
- Living by faith means looking to Jesus, who himself endured the cross by faith and is the source and perfecter of the believer's faith.
- Our brief earthly lives, when lived in courageous obedience, have the power to impact eternity.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Hebrews 11:1-3,6

Hebrews 11:8-10

Genesis 12

Hebrews 12

Ezra 7:9-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Perpetua declared she could call herself nothing other than a Christian, even at the cost of her life. What would it look like for your own identity in Christ to outweigh your earthly attachments, and what attachments are currently competing with that identity?
2. Hebrews 11 defines faith using the words 'assurance' and 'conviction,' both rooted in evidence of God's faithfulness rather than personal strength. How does grounding your faith in God's character rather than your own resolve change the way you respond to doubt or hardship?
3. Abraham obeyed God's call to leave without knowing his destination, risking family, security, and reputation. What is one area of your life where you sense God calling you to risk human certainty for his surety, and what is holding you back?
4. Hebrews 12 points to Jesus as the founder and perfecter of faith who endured the cross for the joy set before him. How does Jesus's own act of faith reframe the risks and sacrifices God is calling you to make?
5. A faith which costs nothing and changes nothing may not be true faith at all. In what ways has your faith genuinely disrupted your comfort, your plans, or your reputation in the past year?

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