

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **D-NOW BreakThrough**— **March 3-5 \$40** per student. Jordan Sasser and Sean McDowell. **This Sunday** with a **\$20 deposit**.
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BIBLE STUDY NOTES

“EXAMPLE in Faith”

1 Timothy 4:12

When you hear the word “faith” what comes to mind? How would you define it?
When and Why is it difficult to trust God? When is it easier?
How do you exercise your faith spiritually every day?

Three ways in which our faith can be an example to believers today.

TIME (Gen. 6:18, 7:6; 12:4, 16:1-4; 17:1)

What’s the longest you have had to wait?

NOAH likely spent 60-80 years building the Ark.

ABRAHAM was 75 years old, 100 when Isaac was born.

OBSTACLES (Mark 2:1-5)

FOUR MEN had faith that Jesus could do something

“When Jesus saw their faith” v.5

What are some obstacles in the lives of students?

PEOPLE (Job; Mark 10:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20)

Job’s WIFE and FRIENDS gave him bad advice

The DISCIPLES interfered with the actions of the children

PAUL was hindered by SATAN on his mission trip to Thessalonica

What kind of doors might people close on you to hinder you?

Great example of Faith - Charles Blondin at NIAGARA FALLS with a WHEEL BARROW

Big or Small examples, both are types we should live in faith.

THE BIG PICTURE

February 17 - February 23, 2017

Read: Haggai 1 – 2, 2 Timothy 1 – 4

Understanding What You Are Reading

These two small books are separated by hundred of years of history, but they share one thing in common, Building the church. In the OT Haggai was a prophet during the time after Israel was released from captivity and they begin rebuilding Jerusalem. God had instructed them once the walls were finished to build the temple back. Likewise, in the New Testament Paul encouraged Timothy as a young pastor to build the church, the body of Christ, people not a building.

Haggai has several connections with Zerubbabel and Joshua that are found in Nehemiah and Ezra. The people had not wanted to start building the temple yet, they wanted to put their own houses up first. God challenged them though Haggai, **“Give careful thought to your ways” v.7** and he challenged them to get their priorities right and that he would be with them.

2 Timothy is considered a pastoral letter from Paul and is probably one of the last books that Paul wrote before he was killed. He wrote it to Timothy to encourage him by giving examples of what Paul himself went through in his life. **“Endure hardships”** Paul encourages him. In **chapter 3** Paul makes some final predictions about how life as a Christian will be difficult and especially in the last days when Christ returns. The final chapter of 2 Timothy is a powerful charge that he exhorts to Timothy **“Preach the Word” v.2**. Paul impresses on Timothy the importance of the Word of God that was first given to Timothy through his family. You will see several well known passages in 2 Timothy that can encourage us in our faith today.

THE BIG PICTURE is to see that there are priorities that take place in our lives. It is important to order our lives correctly by what God’s truth teaches should be first in our lives. To love Him first, to honor and respect His Word should be among our top priorities.

Journal Ideas: (Some suggestions) Write a one sentence summary of each chapter you read. Write down a list of your priorities in your life, and order them how they are and then see if any should be changed. What are some of your favorite Scriptures in the Bible and how do they encourage you to live for Christ? What are some sacrifices you have made to put God ahead of your own desires in life?

Pray: (Some suggestions) Review and revise your weekly prayer list in your journals. Ask God to help you organize your priorities in a biblical way that pleases God over yourself. Ask God to give you a hunger for his Word and to spend time with it daily. Pray that God will give you people that you can impact with the gospel as you “preach the word” with your life.