

# FAITH THAT ALIGNS OUR HEARTS WITH GOD

Hebrews 11.11, 12, 17-22 // November 9, 2025

## THE LORD GIVES

Sarah’s story of faith is not, “she had enough faith, therefore God gave her what she asked for.” God had already promised her a baby, but in her *lack* of faith, she doubted and even laughed. Eventually, however, Sarah chose, against all odds and logic, to trust the promises that God had in fact already made to her. Faith is not asking God to come alongside our plans, but it is us asking God to cause us to have the faith to come alongside *His* plans. As Richard Sibbes says, “faith is the marriage of the soul to Christ.”

**Faith is not shelter against difficulties,  
but belief in the face of all contradictions.**

-Paul Tournier

## AND THE LORD TAKES AWAY

Fourteen years after God miraculously gives Abraham and Sarah their child, God does the inexplicable and asks them to sacrifice that child. We have all faced times when God took something away, and it didn’t make any sense to us. We have the choice to come to our own conclusions and logic, or we can trust God despite what is happening.

God’s Word tells us that Abraham knew, “God made a promise. I don’t how He will keep His promise if He *also* is taking *away* that promise, but I trust that He will.”

## A LEGACY OF FAITH

Ultimately, Abraham’s faith was “caught” and passed down to his son, who in turn passed it down to his son, and then his son, even. The absolute best, most important thing we can do in this life is live a life of faith that trusts God against all odds. It is the only thing that, firstly, honors the Lord, and secondly, gives the greatest blessing to others.

**Until one believes, their best services are but glorious sins.**

-Thomas Brooks

Psalm 115.1 // 1 Corinthians 6.19, 20

**In our first paradise there is a way to go out,  
but not back in again.**

**In the next there is a way to go in, but never to go out again.**

-Richard Baxter

# NOTES:

## Announcements:

**Worship Night:** Come join us for an evening of worship together! *Next Sunday, 11/16, 6:00-8:30 PM, right here at the school.* Bring your family, friends, and neighbors—kids are welcome to join in the celebration (please note: no childcare provided). Let’s lift our voices together and worship our Lord!

## This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 105.1-5

## This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

John 10.27, 28

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

# ARE YOU NEW HERE?

## WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

## WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

## JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Hebrews 11.11, 12, 17-22**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What aspects of the Gospel do you see in this section of Scripture that gives you good news and encouragement for your own faith and future?

### Your Life Mission

What are some examples of when you have "asked the Lord to join/bless your plans" versus "asking the Lord to help you join/bless His plans"? Have you ever made that "switch" in your life, and if so, what changes happened and what difference did it make?

As life's missionaries that God has sent out into this world, we are to proclaim the Good News of a God who is worthy of our faith, even when and if He does take away. How does your response to hardship and tragedy play a part even in how you put on display God's goodness and worthiness to others? What parts of life do you think you need a shift in your perspective on how and where you are placing your faith?

Close the Community Group by praying through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer!

## THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in \_\_\_\_\_, let Your Kingdom  
and will be done, in and through \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in Heaven.

Give \_\_\_\_\_ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.  
Help \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive \_\_\_\_\_,  
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises  
so that \_\_\_\_\_ may not sin against You.  
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



# LIFE MISSION

## CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.

# HEBREWS

## THE TRUE AND BETTER

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### SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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