

RESPONDING TO SHIFTING CULTURE

Hebrews 11.32-40 // November 23, 2025

MISPLACED HOPE

The people and prophets mentioned in Hebrews 11.32-37 had big league faith. They were tortured, sawn in two, mocked, and beaten. But, as we’ve seen in previous weeks, they were not “big league” humans. They were, like us, weak and needy and broken sinners who put their faith in a big, powerful, and holy God.

HOW NOT TO RESPOND

CONTROL: Jesus said His followers don’t fight because they aren’t of this world. All fighting and war is rooted in the desire for control. But we don’t fight for and expect control, because we are sojourners and pilgrims here.

**The world doesn’t need people holding onto
the glory days of the past,
but people proclaiming the glory of the future.**

CONDEMN: Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but to proclaim the Kingdom and repentance that sinner may be saved!

**It is one thing to love to preach the Gospel...
It’s a whole other thing to love the people
that you preach the Gospel to.**

HIDE: We are not to hide; we don’t sequester ourselves in Christian ghettos and Christian, conservative cliques. We are to be sent out into this world for a purpose.

CONFORM: We also don’t hide our values and beliefs. We don’t conform to the patterns of backwards thinking and worldview and crumble to the fear of man.

Soft sermons make soft Christians.

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**Hard preaching makes soft hearts,
and soft preaching makes hard hearts.**

HUMBLE SACRIFICE

So if we are *not* to respond in this way, it goes without saying that the opposite must be true. We ought to *expect* to not be in control or be able to control, to *expect* to show gracious, loving, welcome and forgiveness, *expect* to not hide, but be sent out as sheep amongst wolves, and *expect* to go against culture.

We need faith in a Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

1 Peter 4.12-5.11 // 2 Corinthians 4.16-18 // Isaiah 5.20-24 // Matthew 10.16

NOTES:

Announcements:

Women’s Christmas Gathering: Please join us for our annual Christmas Potluck & Gift Exchange! We’ll be getting together at Barb Erdos’ house on Dec 1, from 6-8:30. Come share with us in food, fellowship, the Word, and a fun gift exchange! Sign up for the potluck using the QR Code, below. Additional details at lifemissionchurch.com/events.



Psalms Reading: Sign up to read the opening Psalm on Sunday Mornings! (All you have to do is show up and read...we’ll send you the Psalm ahead of time.)



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This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 84.1-8

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 5.21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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**

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**.

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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 11.32-40**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

To face pressures in society while standing firm and clear in biblical convictions *while also* being humble and willing to suffer mockery and persecution is an incredibly daunting task. What truths of the Gospel drove the people mentioned in **Hebrews 11**, and how can those same truths bring strength to any fearfulness you may have?

Your Life Mission

We are not called to control, condemn, hide, or conform. Which of these is your main default when it comes to facing pressures or unmet expectations of others or the society around us? What Gospel reminders do you need to help you live more as the living sacrifice and ambassador of reconciliation that you hope to be?

No doubt you have many people in your life that you hope will find Christ for the first time, or will return to their first love or repent of some besetting sin. On Sunday, Pastor Jobey mentioned us focusing in on "one life" that God has in your circle that you want to ask for prayer for, be diligent and intentional toward, and be purposefully seeking ways to move the ball down the field. Share with the group who that person is, and as a group be committed to praying for those people particularly through the holidays.

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.



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

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