

Letting Go of our lives – John 11:1-45

I categorized the verses in this passage into three themes: **Faith, Hope and Love**

Note: Faith and Hope always stay together – “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

Faith (believe, trust)

V14 I am glad. I am not there, so that you may believe *in me (italics added by myself)*

Faith & Hope

V25 I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though they die and V26 whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this (*in me, italics added by myself*)?

Faith (believe, trust)

V27 “Yes, Lord,” she (Martha) replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

V39 “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

V40 Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

V42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

V45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Conclusion Faith and Hope:

V25 Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Love

V3 Lord, the one you love is sick

V5 Jesus, loved Martha, her sister Mary and Lazarus their brother

V36 Jews said see how he loved him!

How do we know Jesus loves them?

V33 Jesus saw Mary weeping and the Jews were accompanied was weeping. Jesus was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

V35 He wept

V38 Jesus once more deeply moved.

Conclusion Love:

Jesus loves us.

Response from us Hebrews 11:1-6:

Letting Go of our lives:

1. The God we cannot see is more real than the world we can see!

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

2. Please God and not him/herself

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

For example, like Enoch in Hebrews 11:5, ““By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.”

3. Day by day, moment by moment

For example, like Abel in Hebrews 11:4, “By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.” And “If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” Genesis 4:7

Prayer:

- 1. Ask for forgiveness**
- 2. What’s God saying to you?**
- 3. Pray for yourself that you will love God more intensely**