



Children's Ministry

Living by the Spirit: Lesson 8

Scripture: Galatians 5: 22

The fruit of the Spirit is... Faithfulness

Context

Galatians is a letter from Paul to a church in a place called Galatia. Some people have come into the church and started teaching wrong ideas like that God can only love them if they do all the right things perfectly. This has the church worried and confused, so Paul writes to them to remind them of grace.

Concept

Hebrews 11:1 reads “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.” Faithfulness means to be “full of faith,” and it means complete submission to God. To trust and put ourselves in His hands. Hebrews 11 is ALL about this. It talks about how all the “people of old” had faith in God in something they did and could not see. Everything they hoped for was in Jesus, the coming messiah. To walk in such a way is very difficult but knowing that God is perfect, true, and just makes this easier.

Let's put this into practice. Take a chair. I want you to take that chair place it behind you, don't think about it, just sit down. That is FAITH. You put your whole faith in that chair that it would hold you up. Now let's pretend. Say that same chair didn't hold you, how would you respond the next time you went to sit on a chair? You would brace yourself for impact and probably slowly sit down. This is the same thing with God. The more you trust him, the more you see that He is good the more faith you will place in Him. His word is true, His actions are pure, He is for you. He displays that through everything He has done but most clearly through Jesus.

(Challenge: read Hebrews 11 – 12:2)

Questions

1. What things in your daily life (like the chair) do you trust in? Make a list.
2. Has God proved Himself to be trustworthy to you?
3. In what ways might God be calling you to more faithfulness?
4. How will you pray and ask the Holy Spirit for more of this gift?

My Prayer

God, thank you for your love. Thank you for your grace and peace. God, I thank you that we can faithfully walk behind you and know that you will lead us on a path of righteousness. God, I ask that you show your goodness to these children, help them to put their faith and hope in you. I thank you for your son, Jesus, the greatest act of love. We praise you and bless your name! Amen.

