

November 28th - December 4th

Faith in the Wild pt. 12: Believe in the Wild

In this lesson you will learn three ways to believe God in the Wild.

Intro: What is faith, trust, or belief? When you sit down in a chair you show faith by sitting down on it and believing it will hold you up. Faith is not magic. It is an experience, and the life that you live. The Bible declares that the just shall live by faith (Rom 1:17). It is one of the main things found in scripture pleases God. When we put our hope, our trust, and our faith in God for the small and the big things of life, we learn to mature as Christians. Learning to believe God in the wild is the best time to grow in your relationship with God, and in your faith.

I. Believe His Word still Works

- A. If you believe; you can overcome, you can fulfill, & you can rise to the occasion. Jesus said if you can believe, then all things will be possible (Mark 9:23). At times, God will put a big promise in your heart. That is not the time to come up with excuses as to why it won't happen, but to stretch out in faith and receive that word into your heart. Get your mind going in the right direction by starting to believe God's promises. There is monumental power in your believing. Reprogram your mind with the software of God's word. Learn to take God at his Word. Make up your mind that God will do what He said.

II. Believe Your Words Work

- A. It is always good to be mindful of the fact that the Bible says we will have what we say (Mark 11:23-24). If you speak negatively about a problem or a situation, don't be surprised when it gets worse for you. Instead of using your words to negatively impact your life, use them to positively change your situation. God gave us the power to choose either life or death. We can choose life with the positive words that we speak out on a daily basis. We reap what we sow with our mouth. With this in mind, it is paramount that we be positive or be silent. Negative thoughts come to every person, but you don't have to verbalize them, Use the power of your words to speak the life-giving promises of God into fruition.

III. Surround Yourself with other Believers

- A. For some of us, the only thing holding us back is our inner circle. The people in our lives; that don't believe in us, that don't champion us, or don't encourage us are holding us back. Believers have a connection to God's power. When you put yourself around other believers, they can cause the dream inside of you to leap with life (Luke 1:41). It's better to have a few friends who are for you than a bunch of friends that don't really care about you much. You need people who are in agreement with you, and joined in spirit with you. Get away from the critics, the naysayers, and the haters, and surround yourself with the believers who have a spirit of encouragement and will join their faith with yours.

Discussion Questions

1. Is your faith alive and actively trusting God to perform His promises in your life?
2. Are you watching your words to eliminate any negative influence on your life?
3. Who is in your inner circle of friends? Are they encouragers or haters?