Reason to Believe

The Adventure of Faith Study Guide

"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."

— Oswald Chambers

Monday:

Hebrews 11:8-10

- What did Abraham do by faith?
 - According to verse 8, how much knowledge of the situation did Abraham have as he stepped out in faith and obeyed God?
 - Can you think of a time from your own life where you went through a situation similar to Abraham's?
 - What did you do?
- Why do you think God so often leads us to take steps of obedience without giving us all the details?

Tuesday:

<u>2 Corinthians 1:8-11</u>

- How does Paul describe the difficulties they encountered in verse 8?
 - Does being in the will of God and obedient to Him mean that everything will be perfect and easy for us? Does it mean we will never have doubts?
 - We see here that Paul encountered many troubles and became despaired, even though he was obedient to the will of God. Have you ever felt this way?
 - According to verse 9 & 10, what did those troubles force Paul to do?
- We all face roadblocks in our faith. What are some roadblocks that have caused you to doubt? How did you deal with them?
 - How do you think that trials and suffering can actually be *good* for our faith?

Wednesday:

James 1:2-4

- What does James tell us to do when we go through trials?
 - o How does this run completely contrary to the way the world thinks?
 - O Why does he tell us to do this?
 - How do you think the testing of your faith produces patience?
- According to verse 4, what happens when we then let patience have its perfect work? What do you think that means?
 - How do you think we can be "perfect and complete, lacking nothing", even while we still experience suffering and needs?
- When was the last time you "rejoiced" when something bad happened to you?
 - We are not always in control of our circumstances, but we are always in control of our attitude. How do you think our perspective and faith in God changes our lives regardless of the circumstances?

Thursday:

Romans 8:31-32

- We learned from Pastor Chuck on Sunday that faith involves risk. Have you ever felt like God was calling you to do something but it seemed too risky?
 - o How do you think our view of God determines our ability to trust Him?
 - How does this passage in Romans reassure us that trusting God by faith is always the right decision?
- As we see from this amazing passage, faith is believing God is who He says He
 is and trusting He does what He says He does. What are you currently asking
 God to do in your life?

Friday:

Hebrews 6:13-15; Hebrews 10:35-39

- According to Heb. 6:15, how did Abraham obtain the promise God made to Him?
 - What do you think is the relationship between faith and patience?
- According to Heb. 10:38, how do the just live?
 - Yet what does God say about those who "draw back"?
 - How does "drawing back" or giving up indicate a lack of faith?
- Is there something in your life for which you have believed God about for a long time and it still has yet to happen?
 - How can these verses encourage you to not "cast away your confidence" and not "draw back"?