

Family Studies on Faith - Blessed Assurance

- Recommended Hymn: What the Lord Has Done in Me
- **1 Samuel 12:24 - “Only fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you.”**
 - What does it mean to fear the Lord? How does fearing the Lord help us to serve Him faithfully?
 - What does our heart have to do with faith and service?
 - What great things has the Lord done for us? How can we respond in faith to Him because of these great things?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** thankfulness for the great things God has done for us, and opportunities to express our thanks in service.
- Recommended Hymn: Covenant of Love
- **Psalms 25:10 - “All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and his testimonies.”**
 - Read Psalm 25 together. Why does the psalmist mention God’s faithfulness? What is his goal in this psalm?
 - Where else does the Bible talk about the paths of God? What do these paths have to do with God’s covenant with us?
 - How are love and faithfulness related? How has God demonstrated both? How do we demonstrate both to Him?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** our paths to reflect the paths of God, and our devotion to be transformative as we seek to keep His covenant.
- Recommended Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee
- **Mark 11:22-23 - “And Jesus answered them, ‘Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, “Be taken up and thrown into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.”**
 - Does Jesus mean that faith can literally move mountains? What is He suggesting about the power of faith?
 - How are doubt and faith related? Why must our faith in God’s power be without doubt? Is it ever appropriate to have doubts about God?
 - What can we ask God to accomplish in our lives as a family?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God to accomplish great things for and through our family, and for our faith in His power to be strengthened.

- Recommended Hymn: Faithful
- **Acts 6:7 - “And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.”**
 - What does it mean to be obedient to the faith? How can we see this played out today?
 - Why is it significant that many of the priests became obedient to the faith?
 - What can we do to contribute to this reality today? How can our family help the Word of God to increase and the number of disciples where we live to multiply?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** the power of God’s Word to be felt in our community, and for our faith to have an impact on those around us.

- Recommended Hymn: Blessed Assurance
- **Hebrews 11:1 - “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”**
 - What is assurance? What is conviction? How are both of these concepts present within the Bible’s definition of faith?
 - What are the things “hoped for” and “not seen” in which we have faith? How has God given us assurance and conviction about these things?
 - What did the people in this chapter do as a result of their faith? What does this suggest about how faith is expressed? What should we do to properly express our faith?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God’s guidance as we try to live for Him and follow the biblical examples of true obedient faith.

- Recommended Hymn: Faith is the Victory
- **1 John 5:4 - “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.”**
 - What does it mean to be born of God? Where else does the New Testament talk about this idea?
 - How does our faith give us victory over the world? How does this victory impact our relationship with the world and the people in it?
 - How will we celebrate the victory that God has given us? How will we help other people achieve this victory in Him?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** the joy of Christ’s victory to live within us and motivate us to help others find faith in His grace.