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~ *SERMON NOTES* ~

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**SERMON SERIES:** *“Lord, Whatever It Takes, Change My Attitude Before It’s Too Late!”*

**SERMON TITLE:** *“Finding Faith When You Are Drowning in Doubt”- Part 4*

**SCRIPTURE:** Hebrews 11: 8-12

**THEME:** Only when faith replaces doubt in the life of a Christian can the joy of knowing God become a reality.

**INTRODUCTION:** Many look to the men and women of the Bible and their accomplishments as humanly impossible. We read these great stories in the Bible and we stand in awe of what they accomplished, how they lived their lives, and the dedication they had in serving God. But it’s important to be reminded that these people in the Bible were not gifted with special superhero abilities and talents to live better lives; they were real people who had real struggles. The men and women of the Bible should inspire us, but never forget the truth that spiritual giants are made, not born. Their faith matured and developed, they went through real problems, but the results were a character shaped by God. And this kind of faith is available today.

**I. LESSON ONE: GOD WORKS THROUGH IMPERFECT PEOPLE**

- A. Abraham is an example of God’s grace (Genesis 12:1-3).
- B. Abraham made a lot of mistakes
  - 1. Genesis 12:4-5
  - 2. Genesis 15:1

- C. **WARNING:** Abraham and Sarah were trying to do God’s Will, but they were doing it their way.

**II. LESSON TWO: HAVING RECEIVED GRACE WE ARE CALLED TO GIVE GRACE**

- A. Genesis 20:17
- B. **WARNING:** Stop expecting the people in your life to be perfect.
- C. **THE PROBLEM:** We want to receive grace from God and from others, but we’re not very good at extending grace to others.
- D. Scriptural Examples:
  - a. Titus 3:4-7
  - b. Ephesians 4:
  - c. Matthew 6:12-15
- E. Living by grace must result in giving grace.

**III. POINT THREE: A LIFE OF GRACE WILL SOMETIMES BE DIFFICULT**

- A. Joseph was in God’s Will but he received imprisonment for being a man of integrity.
- B. Genesis 22:12
- C. 1 John 2:2

**CONCLUSION:**

Christians do not live in victory because they are super spiritual. Christians are promised victory because they live their lives by the grace of God through faith. How are you living your life of grace? Is God allowing the tests and trials for the purpose of taking you deeper in Him so your faith can grow and so your faith can become stronger?