

BECAUSE I BELIEVE GOD

Because I believe God, I will act in a way that reflects my belief in Him.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ King Solomon and King David both had tremendous experiences with God because of their belief in Him.
- ❖ Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 and Psalm 34:1-3, respectively, reflect King Solomon's and King David's belief in God.
- ❖ King Solomon came to the conclusion that the entire purpose of human beings was to serve God.
- ❖ King David determined that he would be in a continual state of praise and appreciation to God.
- ❖ Belief in God requires a tangible response.
- ❖ In general, *belief* -- or *faith* -- is one of the most powerful forces in the world. It has enabled people throughout the course of history to accomplish phenomenal things.
- ❖ Because people believed in new possibilities, various inventions were born:
 - The telephone was invented.
 - The automobile was produced.
 - The steam engine was built.
 - The airplane was constructed.
 - The computer was established.
 - Humans have landed on the moon.
 - The light bulb was made.
- ❖ In Hebrews 11:1, the Bible tells us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."
- ❖ The New Century Version of the Bible translates Hebrews 11:1 as "Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it."
- ❖ Everyone has faith and we all use faith in our daily activities. But belief is not without adversity and challenges.
- ❖ All the inventions mentioned earlier had setbacks in the process. It took setbacks and failures for the telephone, automobile and light bulb to be created.
- ❖ In spite of the challenges, all the people involved in these inventions continued to pursue their belief in new possibilities.
- ❖ When we believe something, our actions and life choices will reflect that belief.
- ❖ When we put our belief in God, it increases the power of faith exponentially because of the inexhaustible magnificence of His greatness.
- ❖ When a person believes God, they perform actions reflective of their faith.
- ❖ The Bible says that faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:7). And as we hear more of God's word, our belief in God grows.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Psalm 34:1-3

- ❖ "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." (Psalm 139:14).
- ❖ "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 26:11).
- ❖ The scriptures above both reflect the fact that we have been created by God for a purpose.
- ❖ Belief in God requires effort and energy.
- ❖ When I believe and accept what the word of God says about me, I will behave myself in a way that is reflective of someone who is special to God.
- ❖ When I believe that the entire purpose of humanity is to serve God, I will make choices that reflect that belief.
- ❖ Joseph experienced great adversity: he was hated by his brothers, sold into slavery and thrown in prison.
- ❖ Because Joseph believed God, he continued to work hard and demonstrate a positive attitude in spite of his negative experiences (see Genesis 37:1 – 50:26).
- ❖ King David also had similar challenges in his life, but because he believed God he was able to demonstrate a continual attitude of praise, worship and thankfulness (Psalm 34:1-3).
- ❖ Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [His] purpose."
- ❖ Because I believe God, I am able to receive Him as my personal Lord and Saviour.
- ❖ I have confidence in His purpose for my life and I act in a way that reflects my belief, because I believe God.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Can you think of ways that we demonstrate general faith every day?
2. Why do you think it is important for our actions to be consistent with our declaration of belief?
3. Think of two personal examples of how you can act in a way that reflects your belief in God.
4. How can we act in ways that demonstrate that we believe Romans 8:28?

PRAYER TIME

Lord please help me to believe Your Word and act in a way that reflects my belief in You.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: Have you ever been surprised about something you believed/didn't believe – and found out you were wrong?

"WE PRAY" FS FACEBOOK GROUP

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/wepprayatfaithsanctuary/>

PRAYER FOCUS: Thanksgiving for God's goodness, provision, protection, freedom, health, etc.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

October

Sunday 18: Unite T.O. Youth-led service

To register for in-person Sunday services:

Go to www.faithsanctuary.com > click the "Eventbrite" link in the top menu and follow prompts. **Please note: The South doors of the church open at 10:15am and close at 11:00am.**

TO SUBMIT A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Obtain approval from Head of Department and send to announcements@faithsanctuary.com by Wednesday @ 4:00 p.m. (If projection is desired send to media@faithsanctuary.com.)

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To be happy in Jesus

But to trust and obey

FAITH SANCTUARY ONLINE SERVICES:

Sunday morning Bible Study – 10:15 a.m.

Worship service – 11:00 a.m.

- Go to www.faithsanctuary.com >click "livestream" link (or type in www.faithsanctuary.com/live)
- Go to www.youtube.com >search for "Faith Sanctuary"
- Sign in to Facebook >search for "Faith Sanctuary"
- Call 1-844-268-4848 for toll-free telephone live-stream of the service.

Berean Bible Study: Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(Facebook and Zoom)

"We Pray" Prayer meeting: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
(Zoom)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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*"For what does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.'"
Romans 4:3 NKJV*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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