

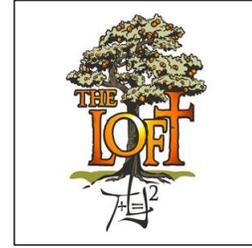
## Welcome to **The Loft**

### “Live @ The Loft”

Show #90, April 1, 2020 = **Series: The Focused Five = Fruitful Lives**

Scriptures & Strategies... TODAY: FAITH

for living a fruitful life that is focused on the Father's will.



### Faith: Introduction

When you see a person who lives a focused life, living out their faith... how does it impact you? What can we learn together... Faith is...

Q: Faith is the refusal to panic – Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Q: Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time – Oswald Chambers

Q: Acrostics to consider, anonymous = F: Feeling... A: Afraid... I: I... T: Trust... H: Him

### Faith: Scriptures...

*Hebrews 11 = The Famous Hall of Faith*

**Hebrews 11: 1 – 3 + OBL: Books** – *The Art of God, Ric Ergenbright & LIFE by Abrams*

1: *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

2: This is what the ancients were commended for.

3: By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

**Hebrews 11: 6**

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

**Hebrews 11** = *By faith... Noah; By faith... Abraham; .By faith... Moses... Etc.*

**Romans 4: 2-3** = *Abraham's faith...*

2: If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God.

3: What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

**Romans 4: 23-25** = *Our Faith...*

23: The words, “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone,

24: but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness –for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

25: He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

**Romans 5: 1**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 5: 8**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 6: 4**

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, *we too may live a new life.*

**Romans 8: 1**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

**Romans 10: 17**

Consequently, *faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

**2 Corinthians 5: 17, 18-21**

17: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

18: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19: *that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.*

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

20: We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

21: *God made him who had not sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**2 Corinthians 1: 20**

*For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ.*

*And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us, to the glory of God.*

## Faith: Strategies...

### **James 2: 17, 26**

17: In the same way, faith by itself, if it not accompanied by action, is dead.

26: As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

### **1: Focus by...**

*A resource that equips your faith to be faithful & encourages others... God's favor = fruitful living.*

#### **Proverbs 3: 5-6**

5: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

... While I love this verse like many other people, it is the verses before this well quoted verse – that tells us how!

#### **Proverbs 3: 3-4**

3: Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

4: Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

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### **2: Focus by...**

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#### **James 1: 25**

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does.

#### **John 14: 15, 21, 31**

15: "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

21: "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.

He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

31: "but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me."

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## Faith: Final Thoughts...

*The World's Hall of Fame Pursuits... vs. Living for the One who made the world & His Hall of Faith/Faithful*

E: Hall of Fame Pursuits – Credit should be given where credit is due, yet... Jesus says,

#### **John 6: 27-29**

27: "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

28: Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

29: Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."