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**Title: "Location, Location, Location"**

**Scripture Reference: Hebrews 11:6**

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

**I. Introduction**

A. All over the world, the golden rule of real estate is location, location, location. Property situated in the best areas is most desirable because it has the greatest value and demands the highest prices.

B. Even though residences in other areas may be more beautiful and even have larger yards, they simply cannot demand the same high prices as residences situated in better locations.

C. Think about the area that you currently live in. Perhaps God has so blessed you that you are living in a nice neighborhood, where the prices of a home are moderately priced.

D. On the other hand, somewhere in your city, town or neighboring community are homes that are exceptionally beautiful with a price tag to match. Location, location, location.

E. Sometimes, homes that are built outside of a city cost less than those within the city. Those who live outside of a city but their jobs take them into the city, may have to endure long

commutes and traffic jams. Simply because they live outside of the city.

## II. Exposition [Part I]

A. Hebrews 11:6 says, "**But without faith it is impossible to please him ...**" The word "**without**" comes from the Greek word *choris*, which means to be **outside of something**, such as someone who lives **outside the perimeter of a city**.

B. It is a comparison between being **outside** or **inside** something - for example, **in** the house or **out** of the house; **in** the yard or **out** of the yard. The word *choris* depicts someone who is **out** of and not **in** a specific location.

C. Because this word is used in conjunction with faith, the writer of Hebrews is letting us know that we can live **in** faith or **out** of faith.

D. This means faith must be a real place that has borders, perimeters, and boundaries. Just as you can live in the city or out of the city, you can live **in** faith or **outside** of faith. The determining fact is your obedience to the assignment God has given you.

E. God wants each of us to be located at the address of faith - this is the location He deems the most valuable and profitable for our lives.

### **Consider this rendering of Hebrews 11:6**

"When you live outside of faith - living beyond its boundaries and perimeters - you make it impossible to please Him ..."

### III. Exposition [Part II]

A. To determine if you are *in* or *out* of faith, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Am I doing what God has told me to do?
2. Am I living in obedience to His Word?
3. Am I sticking with the plan the Lord has asked me to execute?
4. Is my faith hot, cold, or lukewarm? (In other words, are you on fire for the Lord when things seem to be going well but when difficulties arise, you are doubtful that God will see you the rough times? Do you recognize that if your walk of faith fits into this pattern of life, you are lukewarm?)

B. If you are in the place God called or directed you to be, that place that requires your obedience, faith, and patience, that place where you are confident God wants you to be working and functioning, if so, that is your address of faith and it is where God wants you to be.

C. As long as you stay "in" that place where God told you to be, and you are living and operating "in" faith, you are therefore pleasing God.

D. But the day you give up and move "out" of that place of faith, you are moving to a location where you will experience the hardships and inconveniences of poor choices and defeat.

### IV. Exposition [Part III]

A. The entire eleventh chapter of Hebrews is about men and women who lived "in" faith. As a result, they pleased God.

- B. Faith was the location where they lived - and because they stayed in the place of faith, they brought great pleasure to God.
- C. You never have to leave the address of faith in Almighty God! Be determined and steadfast by keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus.
- D. Our adversary, the devil, will try to discourage you from being steadfast and faithful. He will orchestrate situations to make you take your eyes off Jesus and to fill you with worry and fear. But remember, **"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."** (2 Timothy 1:7)
- E. If you let the enemy's plan work, it won't be long before your bags will be packed, and you will be changing locations - moving **"out"** of faith to low-level areas of defeat where you will not please God.
- F. **"... for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, ..."** It is not enough simply to believe that God exists. In order to please Him it is also necessary to believe that he is moral and just and He will reward faith in Him.
- G. For those who stay in faith, there is a reward. That is why Hebrews 11:6 says that God is a **rewarder**. The ultimate reward that God bestows upon those who exercise faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is salvation. Thank You Lord!!
- H. For those who continually live at the address of faith - who refuse to be moved by circumstances; those who by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, reject any inclination to throw in the towel and give up; who refuse any temptation or pull to let go of the Word of God - it is just a matter of time until their faith is rewarded in many additional areas of their life.

## V. Exposition [Part IV]

A. Hebrews 11:6 goes on to say that God "... is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

**Point:** It takes diligence (i.e., a determined effort) to stay the course and maintain absolute trust and faith in the Living Lord Jesus Christ.

B. This portion of Hebrews 11:6 is not talking about losing your salvation but it is talking about maintaining a consistent life of faith and trust in Christ Jesus for all things.

C. Maintaining absolute trust and faith requires you to be focused, concentrated, and committed to the end. When circumstances try to knock you "out" of faith, you must have a fierce, unwavering commitment to stay the course.

### Points:

- 1) Living a life "in" faith cannot be a sideline issue in your life. It must have your complete, undivided attention.
- 2) Your commitment to live and walk in faith must be unbending and immovable.

It is once again interactive time. Please complete the biblical passages below by filling in the blanks. All Scripture passages have been taken from the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

"For we walk by \_\_\_\_\_, not by \_\_\_\_\_."

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

"Now \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

"By \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after \_\_\_\_\_ for an \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By \_\_\_\_\_ he sojourned in the land of \_\_\_\_\_, as in a strange country, \_\_\_\_\_ in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the \_\_\_\_\_ with him of the same promise."

(Hebrews 11:8,9)

"By \_\_\_\_\_, Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of \_\_\_\_\_; and gave \_\_\_\_\_ concerning his bones." (Hebrews 11:22)

"And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and \_\_\_\_\_ him, and said unto him, **O thou of \_\_\_\_\_, wherefore didst thou doubt?**" (Matthew 14:31)

"And Jesus said unto him; **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have \_\_\_\_\_ as a grain of \_\_\_\_\_ seed, ye shall say unto this \_\_\_\_\_, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto you.**" (Matthew 17:20)

### Comments:

- 1) Since location determines everything else, why not take a few minutes to assess your life? See if you are properly located "in" or "out" of faith.
- 2) The outcome of every other area of your life will be determined by this one decision.

## QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

1. Are you living at the address of faith? Or, have you moved **out** of faith and into the neighborhood of doubt and unbelief?
2. Are you able to recognize if the devil has tried or is trying to distract and convince you from staying "**in**" faith?
3. What are you going to do to reinforce yourself spiritually so that you may remain "**in**" faith until you see the full manifestation of what *God* has promised to you?

**Location - Location - Location !**

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