

Surviving & Thriving this Evil World

Lesson for Sunday, July 17, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

- Ask: What are the challenges that we face as believers that make it difficult to walk with God during these times?
 - You might begin by listing the issues...
 - Then discuss the aspects that make it difficult...
- The obvious conclusion to this discussion is that it is difficult to live holy lives in such an unholy world. But that doesn't change God's expectations for His people, and we must recognize the fact that every generation has faced difficulties in walking with God during their times.
- Today, we are looking at the life of a man who walked with God. What was his life like? And what can we learn from his example?

BIBLE STUDY:

- Begin by reading the three texts that we will draw from: Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5; Jude 14
 - TIP: After reading these texts, allow the class to work in groups to see what they can come up with from what they have read. Then work through the following outline.
1. Seek to **Walk** with God
 - a. Genesis 5:24 – “Enoch walked with God.” The Bible only mentions two men who walked with God: Enoch and Noah (6:9).
 - b. How does one walk in harmony with God?
 - c. First, Enoch was a **moral** man. How does the fact that he walked with God speak to his personal morality or holiness?
 - i. 1 John 1:5 – God is Light and in Him is no darkness.
 - ii. What does this say about the moral character of Enoch?
 - d. Second, Enoch had close **fellowship** with God.
 - i. Read Amos 3:3.
 - ii. You can't walk with anyone very far that you are not in agreement with.
 - iii. Enoch was aware that this is God's world, and wisdom is aligning one's life with God and His design.
 - e. APPLY: How do we walk with God on a daily basis? In your discussion, get specific! Time in God's Word, prayer, etc.
 2. Seek to **Please** God
 - a. Hebrews 11:5 – “he pleased God” – The Bible only mentions two men who pleased God: Enoch and Jesus (John 8:29).
 - b. According to this verse, how did he please God? He lived by faith (see vs. 5 & 6).
 - c. What does it mean to live by faith?
 - i. Remember the definition we have used for so long at FBT.

- ii. Faith is hearing God's Word, believing God's Word, obeying God's Word, and leaving the rest to Him.
 - d. APPLY: How do we live by faith today?
 - i. It begins with hearing God's Word – see the application of point 1.
 - ii. It continues with believing it. Do we actually believe what God's Word says? Do we believe His promises? Do we believe His warnings?
 - iii. If so, we will obey! How obedient are you to what you know? What areas are you disobedient?
 - iv. Can you give an example of how to do this?
- 3. Seek to **Serve** God
 - a. Jude 14 – Enoch was a prophet
 - b. What was his message? He preached on the Second Coming and the judgment of God!
 - i. His message was also included in the name of his son, Methuselah. It means “when he dies it shall come.”
 - ii. “It” was the Flood – the judgment of God.
 - c. He was probably not the most sought out preacher! His message was difficult to accept and not very comforting.
 - d. APPLY: What are some of the messages we have to “preach” that are not well-received in today's world? Can you think of a specific example?
- 4. Seek the **Reward** of God
 - a. Genesis 5:24 – “He walked with God and he was not”
 - b. Hebrews 11:5 – “God had translated him”
 - c. The word “translated” means “to be carried over or across.”
 - d. God carried Enoch over from earth to heaven.
 - e. Again, Enoch was one of two men who did not experience death (the other was Elijah). What a reward he received!
 - f. Enoch is a picture of the believers alive at the time of the Rapture. Can you imagine what that will be like? Do you live for that reward?
 - g. Even if we die before the Rapture, we have the promise of God that we will be “carried over” into eternal life.
 - h. APPLY: How well do you live with eternity in mind?

APPLY:

- Enoch lived in a time when wickedness was exploding in the world (“the days of Noah”). He reminds us that we can live in an evil world and still walk with God.
- How has this lesson challenged how you will live this coming week?