

## By Faith Session 2

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are saved by faith (Ephesians 2:8-9), walk by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7), and please God by faith (Hebrews 11:6). Let's grow in faith.

### Psalm 62:5-6

*My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.*

As we rest expectations and timing in God's character, we are stabilized by faith.

#### Discussion

In this passage God tells us to put our expectations in Him. Where else do people put their expectations? Is there a legitimate reason for doing so? Why or why not?

God calls us to put expectations in His...

\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 55:8-9) and \_\_\_\_\_

#### Discovery

- In v. 6 God is described in three ways. What are they and what is an accurate synonym for each one?

Description

Synonym

#### Discussion

- Let's talk about an important question: What do I do when my expectation rests upon God's ways and character, yet things do not go as I expect?

## Hebrews 12:5-6, 11

*...My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:*

*For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

*Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

We embrace our God's loving chastening by faith.

#### Discovery

- Hebrews 12:5 Two Dangers
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  - 2.
- Hebrews 12:6 One Motivation
- Hebrews 12:11 One Positive Result when we Respond in Faith

#### Discussion

Frank knows that God is correcting him, yet he is fighting God in his heart. What would you tell him about God's loving chastening and faith?

## Deuteronomy 33:27

*The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*

We find refuge in our God by faith.

#### Discovery & Discussion

- When you think of the word refuge, what comes to your mind? Identify a synonym or describe a picture that comes to mind. After you have your list, discuss how would you apply your word or your picture to trusting God?
- To which characteristic of God is our trust connected, and how does this add to your picture of God as your refuge?

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