



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

HERO | August 4, 2019 | Hebrews 11:32, Judges 10-11.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." —Hebrews 11:1

FROM THE TEXT

- Read Hebrews 11:32 and Judges chapters 10-11. Pay attention to Judges 11:29-40. What details stand out to you about the way Jephthah responds to this situation? What stands out to you about the way his daughter responds?
- Pastor Chris made reference of a "trespass offering" found in Leviticus chapter 5:4-6. Read these verses to gain a broader context into Jephthah's rash vow, and the alternatives that could have been taken.

FROM THE SERMON

- Pastor Chris paraphrased God's response to His people in Judges 10:9-14 by saying: "You don't want Me, you just want My deliverance, and so why don't you cry out to the gods you have chosen and see if they will rescue you." What is problematic about wanting God's help, but not really wanting to submit to God? What is an example from your own life when this was true?
- From our story, Pastor Chris described active faith this way: "We move forward in faith today by looking back to what God has done for us in the past." Do you agree with this statement? If so, how have you found this to be true in your own life?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- The Bible is chalked full of sinful people, that God still chooses to use for His glory—just like Jephthah. Who are other "hero characters" in the Bible that messed up big time, and God still chose to use them? How can recalling these people encourage your own walk with God?
- Who do you find yourself relating to the most from our Bible passage, and why? The Israelites (seeking other gods), Jephthah (starting well, but reaping the consequence of a past decision), or his daughter (a victim or casualty of someone else's sin)? Have you been resisting God's grace in meeting you where you need it most? How can the group pray and encourage you regarding this?

PRAYER FOCUS

*Pray for the requests and hurts listed above. Receive afresh God's overflowing grace in Jesus to heal us where we are at. (Break up into smaller groups if needed.)