

A CHARGE TO THE CHURCH:

BE AUTHENTIC.



PASTOR'S NOTES – 5. 14. 2017

Superior Life in Christ –

THE AUTHENTIC LIFE OF FAITH

HEBREWS 6:11,12 MARK 3: 1-6

THIS WEEK'S OVERLYING PRINCIPLES

- Hebrews 6 charges us as God's people to be authentic and genuine followers of Christ.

- We are charged to follow after faithful people who have gone before us who also have lived authentic lives in Christ

- Sometimes those faithful people have gone before us generations ahead; sometimes those people are right here among us.

- We ought to strive to become more and more authentic as we deepen our lives in Christ – as we deepen our understanding of who God is.

- As we walk more deeply in Authentic Faith, we learn to take hold of the great promises of Life and Freedom which God and His Word offers us to walk within.

The Authentic Life of Faith

I. A Definition from Hebrews 6:11,12.

- Diligent in _____ - to the very end
- Full of _____
- Willing to _____
- Faithful to _____
- Patient to _____

The objective: Heb. 6:12 – That we may inherit the promise

II. 5 Realities of Authentic Faith From Hebrews 6: 11, 12

- Authentic Faith is Good Life
- Authentic Faith is Worshipful and God-Centered
- Authentic Faith is Freedom and Healing
- Authentic Faith is On-Going Growth and Maturity
- Authentic Faith is Promise - Filled

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What did you learn about God in this passage?
 2. What did you learn about yourself in this passage?
 3. What principles on authentic faith stand out to you as a challenge?
 4. In what areas do you see growth in your spiritual life? In which of the realities do you see a need to grow? What are some ways to develop discipline in your life to achieve growth in that area?
 5. What specific steps would help lead you to a deeper authenticity, a growing confidence in Christ, a life fully taking hold of God's great promises?
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