

OWN IT: Developing Your Own Faith

Judges 2:10-13

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Although Israel had been warned by both Moses and Joshua (Jos. 24:14-18), after Joshua's death a generation arose who did not know God (Judges 2:10-13).
- B. Today, we are losing too many of our young people to the world and to worldly living.
- C. If we want our young people to stay faithful to the Lord and His church, we must help them develop their own faith.

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS – MAKE YOUR FAITH A REALITY

- A. We are in a battle with the devil and his angels for the souls of our children (Eph. 6:10-13).
- B. This war is won in the home. We must do our part to ensure we are helping build faith in the lives of our children (Eph. 6:4).
- C. We need to live out our faith before the eyes and ears of our children (Deut. 6:4-9; 2 Tim. 1:5).

STUDY AND INQUIRE TO BUILD YOUR FAITH

- A. We will never build our own faith if we do not spend time with the faith blueprint (Rom. 10:17).
- B. The more we study and meditate on God's Word, the stronger our faith can grow (Psa. 1:1-2).

DON'T HIDE YOUR DOUBTS ABOUT YOUR FAITH

- A. John the Baptist once struggled with doubt about the identity of Christ and yet Jesus still referred to him as the greatest among those born of woman (Matt. 11:1-11).
- B. Jesus did not ridicule Thomas about his doubts (John 20:24-29).
- C. Realize doubts that are explored can lead to stronger faith in the long run.

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

- A. Faith apart from works is dead (Jam. 2:14-26).
- B. Faith isn't just believing in something; it's living out the something you believe in.
- C. Timothy was active in putting his faith into action by helping Paul minister (I Thess. 3:1-2; I Tim. 1:3-4).

CONCLUSION:

- A. We must understand what's at stake when it comes to our faith. Eternity hangs in the balance.
- B. One day we will be judged, not on our parents' or grandparent's faith, but on our own faith in Jesus (Rom. 14:10-12).
- C. Will you be recognized by God for living a life of faith?