



# HANOVERDALE CHURCH

## Faith is the Victory Christ Expects Faith

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

**August 11, 2024**

This week we are digging deeper into what God expects from His followers regarding living according to their faith.

### **Monday: Hebrews 11:6**

What is needed to please God? Why is faith so important to God in order to see God at work? What sort of reward do you think God offers to those who seek God? Why is it important to come toward God rather than away from Him when we are feeling weak and empty? Today, give God your burdens. Diligently seek Him in your need.

### **Tuesday: Luke 18:1-8 ; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

What was the parable all about (concentrate on vs. 1)? Why does prayer and faith go together? Why was the woman's persistence tied into her faith? What does your persistence before God have to do with your faith? In your own words, explain this last part of verse 8. Why might God not see faith when He returns? He has not yet returned, so let's choose today to stay focussed on the Lord.

### **Wednesday: 2 Timothy 3:1-5**

What will the last days be like? Where will the eyes of people be? What will interest them? What does it mean that they have a form of Godliness but deny God's power? Where have you seen that in our culture today? Are you someone who has lost your faith? Why is that? Today, take a step of faith back away from faithlessness. Tell God you want to believe. Ask Him to help you with your unbelief.

### **Thursday: Matthew 14:1-12**

Who was Herod the Tetrarch? (Tetrarch just means a minor ruler). Where was he a king? Why did he arrest and then behead God's major prophet, John the Baptist. While he ruled over Israel, was Herod a man of faith? In what did he trust? Why did he think that Jesus was a reincarnated John? Today, check your spiritual vision. Make sure that you are believing in the correct God.

### **Friday: Matthew 14:13-21**

How did that martyrdom affect Jesus to the place that He went away to a solitary place? Why might He have wanted to be alone? Why was that an impossibility? What did Jesus do with the crowds throughout the day? How did Jesus show compassion?

How was that a miracle? How much food did they have to go out and buy? What was needed for Jesus to provide all that food? How many men, women and children were fed by the work of Jesus? Why do you suppose there were leftovers? Do you have faith to believe that Jesus can meet all your needs?

**Saturday: Matthew 14:22-33**

After the miracle of feeding the 5000, what did Jesus do? Why did He go up rather than go with the Disciples in the boat? Why was this an important time for the disciples to be by themselves? Later that night why were His disciples so afraid? How did Jesus calm their fears? Why didn't Jesus immediately calm the storm? What is the lesson of faith we learn of Peter walking on the water? What are the storms in your life right now that are causing you to lose faith? Where are your eyes focussed concerning this storm of a problem? Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Remember, with God, all things are possible.