

Study Notes
All in the Family: Quad Theology pt 1
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Sometimes to have fun you have to walk and risk danger.
Faith is like that, too.

To have the life that Jesus wants you to have, you're going to have to **RISK**.
To have the life that Jesus wants you to have, it's going to **COST** you.
To have the life that Jesus has for you, it will cost you *something*.
If we shrink back, it will cost us a whole lot more.

Are you willing to risk to reach people for God's Kingdom?
Are you willing to do what God asks you to do in order to
accomplish what God has purposed for you?

You were created by the God of the universe to do amazing things for Him.
You were destined before you were even born to accomplish things you can't even
imagine, fathom or think about.

The disconnect for all of our lives in experiencing everything God has is that we lack faith.

In the book of Hebrews the Christ followers were coming out of Judaism and dying for their faith.
In this time in history, it was not only dangerous to be a Christian, but you could lose your life for
your faith.

Hebrews 10:39 - *But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.*

- To believe means we're going to have a salvation of sorts in our families
- To believe means God will save a marriage
- To believe means God can save you as a child, as a parent, as a student that's going through crazy stuff.
- **To believe means to go beyond what you know in your mind to trust the God that you can't see**

Hebrews 11:1 - *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

Hebrews 11:6 - *And without faith it is impossible to please God...*

- God moves through the hearts of men and women and students and single people and boys and girls
- **God moves through the heart of someone that is faithful to Him.**

Faith looks good but isn't faith unless you receive it and ride it.

You are not going to experience the life God has for you without having some level of pain in your life.

Day 1 faith is when your faith is really good, you've not really fallen all that much and you haven't gotten hurt all that much.

When you risk and when you stretch is when you hurt yourself.

- When your faith starts to go sideways you get hurt, when you get hurt, you put faith away
- You are going to have trouble in the world; you are going to have pain.
- You're not always going to have a day 1 faith, you're going to have day 2

Day 2 faith is the day you have pain, day 2 is the day you never count on. No one anticipates day 2 faith

Day 2 always happens

Jesus says: *In this world you will have trouble but take heart! I have overcome the world.*

– John 16:33

You're never going to get really good at following Christ without getting hurt.

When something happens, will you trust God?

Faith isn't about what you know; it's about what you do with what you know.

It's about faith in action. The Bible says *faith without works is dead* – James 2:17

Romans 5:1; 3-5 - *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith ... Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint...*

Perseverance is learning to have the ability to handle pressure; it's learning to have the ability to be okay to be hurt.

Character is only used by Paul 7 times and he's the only one that uses this Greek word in the whole New Testament

- Character develops in you.
- **Suffering doesn't make character, it reveals character.**

When you go through pain, it's when you learn who you really are.

When you get hurt, you get stuck and you get timid.

2 Timothy 1:7a - *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity...*

You learn to live fearless lives by learning to suffer well.

James says “Count it all joy the various trials ...” – James 1:2

- The word for various means polka dot.
- Some trials are little, some trials are big, but they are all tailor-made to your life.

Suffering produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, character produces hope and hope doesn't disappoint

When you get hurt, you get stuck because fear paralyzes you.

- You don't do faith without getting hurt.
- You don't live the life Christ died for without getting hurt.
- You don't have a Christ-centered marriage without getting hurt.
- You don't get an engagement or a boyfriend without getting hurt.
- **You don't do something for Jesus and avoid pain.**

It's in the pain that the faith process is the most beautiful thing.

You don't get good at faith without practicing your faith.

Faith isn't just about asking Jesus into your heart and now everything is perfect. You may go to Heaven but you won't experience the life He has for you.

If you want to live this abundant life, to get unstuck, you have to keep on trying, you have to keep practicing, and you have to keep being kind and patient.

We want what God has but sometimes we aren't willing to pay the price to do what God wants.

We love to know things but knowing doesn't do anything.

It's not knowing that changes your life. It's doing something with what you know

Crusade means a war of the cross.

Our whole lives as followers of Jesus are about a war for the cross and when people see Jesus in us, they respond to it. When people see your marriage different, they respond to it.

It will cost you and it takes practice

YOU HAVE TO GET BACK ON

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