



A Great Cloud of Witnesses

FAITH TO FOLLOW THROUGH

There are many different ways to properly define a “Hero of the Faith.” Most often, when we think of men and women of great faith, we focus on an incredible moment in their lives where they trusted God and were then used by God to do something great. The greater the moment, the greater their faith, the greater the hero. Though this certainly proves true, it can train our minds to define a person’s faithfulness by either the grandeur of an event or the amount of these moments they have accumulated in their lives. But we must be careful in drawing such conclusions, as God’s definition of faithfulness is not only measured in heroic one-time acts...but also in consistent obedience to his specific mission for each of our individual lives.

Today, we will look at the life of one of the greatest prophets in history whose faith was defined by _____, not greatness, and how his longsuffering to follow through with his specific mission makes him one of the greatest _____ in scripture for us as believers.

1. THE CALL TO MINISTRY

- a. Jeremiah’s call from the womb was to be sanctified unto God in order to serve God – Jer. 1:1-5; Jn. 3:21; Eph. 2:8-10; Tit. 2:14; 3:8; Heb. 13:21
- b. As the son of a priest, called to be a prophet, and empowered by God to preach _____ sin – Jer. 1:6-10, 16-19; Is. 6:5-12; Ezk. 3:8-11; Col. 1:28; II Tim. 4:2
- c. Our call from the womb is to be saved and then to serve as ministers (priests and prophets) that preach the word of God against sin – Num. 11:29; Jer. 20:9; 23:29-31; Mal. 2:7; Mk. 10:43-45; Rm. 10:9-17; II Cor. 5:18-21; I Pet. 2:5, 9; 4:11

2. THE CRY OF THE MISSION

- a. Jeremiah is known as the weeping prophet sent to ____ against a backslidden nation and idolatrous world – Jer. 2:1-2; 3:12-14; 4:19-22; 5:25; 6:16; 7:23-24; 9:1; 10:1-3, 24; 13:17; 14:10; 18:12; 44:16-25; 46:1; 47:1; 48:1; etc., etc., etc.
- b. Similar to our backslidden church age and our idolatrous world – Jer. 2:27; 4:22; 6:13-14; 8:11; 14:13-16; 17:9-10; chpt. 23; etc., etc., etc.; Ps. 119:136; Hos. 4:9; Jn. 17:13-20; I Thess. 5:1-10; I Jn. 2:15-17; Rev. 3:14-22

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3. THE CHARACTER OF THE MESSENGER

- a. Compassionate – Jeremiah’s heart was _____ for his people and their captivity – Ps. 86:15; Mt. 18:33; 23:37; Lk. 10:30-37; I Pet. 3:8-9
- b. Persistent – he was the most persistent prophet with the longest ministry, preaching more than 40 years – Rm. 2:7; I Cor. 15:58; II Cor. 4:16-17; Gal. 6:7-9; II Thess. 3:13; Heb. 12:1-3
- c. Longsuffering – during his ministry he suffered emotional, spiritual, and even physical pain for the Lord – Jer. 1:19; 20:2,14-18; 26:8-15; 37:15-16; 38:6; Lamentations; Ps. 30:5; Rm. 5:3-5; 12:12; I Pet. 4:19
- d. Reliant – without family, his only sustenance was the word of God – Jer. 16:2; 17:17; 29:11-13; 32:17; 15:16 w/ Job 23:12; Lam. 3:22-23; Is. 40:31; I Thess. 5:24
- e. Faithful – having few to no converts, he understood that he was not responsible for their failure to _____, he stayed faithful to follow through with the mission he was given – Jer. 17:7-8 w/ Ps. 1:1-3; Jn. 15:16; 21:21-22; I Cor. 12:27; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 4:1-7, 12-13; II Tim. 1:6; 4:5
- f. Greatness – Listed in the likeness of John the Baptist (the greatest prophet), Elijah (representing all OT prophets), and Jesus Christ himself – Mt. 16:13-16