BY FAITH WE SACRIFICE

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MESSAGE RECAP

This week we close out Hebrews 11 emphasizing that faith is not a passive endeavor but an active participation in God's plan. Faith is active, even in the face of suffering and sacrifice, with the assurance of a better future. We're called to live out our faith authentically, investing in others and trusting in God's promises, ultimately leading to a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Jesus.

GROUP DISCUSSION

PRAY

- 1. Read <u>Hebrews 11:32-35a</u>. Reflecting on these examples and the ones throughout this series, which story has resonated with you the most and why?
- 2. In what ways have your treated your faith like a spectator sport rather than actively engaging in the game? What steps can you take to become more involved?
- **3.** How does the concept that "there is no Junior Holy Spirit" challenge your understanding of your own capabilities in Christ?
- 4. Read <u>Hebrews 11:35b-38</u>. Discuss a time when you faced a challenge or hardship because of your faith? How did you respond, and what did you learn from the experience?
- 5. Where do you see persecution for Christians happening? Reflect on how people in scripture engaged (or didn't) during persecution. How should we respond?
- 6. Read <u>Hebrews 11:39-40</u>. These examples of faith didn't receive the promises of God. What does that mean? And in what ways are we still waiting on future promises ourselves?
- 7. Reflect on the idea that following Jesus is better than anything this world has to offer. In what ways have you experienced this truth in your own life?
- 8. What steps can you take to shift your focus from immediate concerns to the hope of a better future, not only for yourself but also for others?