

PRIEST LAKE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

HOPE TAKES A STEP

PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

HEBREWS 11:1-8 • CELEBRATION SUNDAY

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— FORWARD & HIGHER TOGETHER —

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Trust God with Your Next Step

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BIG IDEA

Because God is faithful, we can trust Him with our lives, our children, and our next steps, even when we cannot see the whole road.

GOVERNING SCRIPTURE

“By faith Abraham ... obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.” — Hebrews 11:8 (KJV, excerpt)

THIS WEEK’S FRAMEWORK

FAITH TRUSTS GOD • LOVE MAKES A COMMITMENT • HOPE TAKES A STEP

SERMON MOVEMENTS

1. Faith trusts God with my life — Hebrews 11:1, 6, 8; Romans 6:4.
2. Love makes a commitment — Deuteronomy 6:6-7.
3. Hope takes the next step — Hebrews 11:10, 13-16.

VISION CONNECTION

Forward: obey Christ. Higher: surrender to His Word. Together: give and receive care. Build on the Foundation of Christ so we never walk alone.

Sunday Message Notes

LISTEN • REFLECT • RESPOND

- You do not have to see the whole road to obey the next instruction.
- Faith says, “Lord, I trust You with my life.”
- Love says, “Help me care faithfully for what You entrusted to me.”
- Hope says, “Lord, I will take my next step with You.”

What is God showing me through His Word?

What step of obedience is God calling me to take?

Monday: Trust the One Who Calls

READ HEBREWS 11:1-8

TODAY'S TRUTH

Faith responds to the faithful God who speaks.

REFLECT

Abraham obeyed God's call without knowing the whole journey. His confidence rested in God. Read the passage before applying it: faith is trust in God and His promises, not confidence that every personal plan will succeed.

HEART CHECK

What do verses 6 and 8 show about trusting and obeying God?

Where am I waiting for every detail when Scripture already makes my next step clear?

PRAY

Father, help me trust You and obey what You have made clear.

MY ONE FAITHFUL STEP

Tuesday: Walk in Newness of Life

READ ROMANS 6:1-4

TODAY'S TRUTH

Belonging to Jesus changes the way I live.

REFLECT

Paul connects believers' union with Christ to a new way of life. Baptism publicly points to Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. It does not earn salvation. Those baptized Sunday need encouragement and continued discipleship from their church family.

HEART CHECK

What does Paul say about continuing in sin and walking in newness of life?

What needs to change in my daily choices because I belong to Christ?

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for saving me. Teach me to walk faithfully with You.

MY ONE FAITHFUL STEP

Wednesday: Love Begins at Home

READ DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

TODAY'S TRUTH

God's Word belongs in my heart and my daily relationships.

REFLECT

Moses calls Israel to love the Lord and teach His words through ordinary life. Notice that God's words must first be in the adults' hearts. Sunday's dedication expressed the parents' commitment to nurture their child in faith; the child will still need to respond personally to Jesus.

HEART CHECK

Where and when does this passage say to teach God's words?

How can I model faith and support a child, parent, or young person this week?

PRAY

Lord, shape my heart and help me practice patient, faithful love.

MY ONE FAITHFUL STEP

Thursday: Hope Beyond What I See

READ HEBREWS 11:8-16

TODAY'S TRUTH

God's promised future gives purpose to my obedience today.

REFLECT

Abraham looked for a city whose builder and maker is God. These faithful people did not receive the fullness of the promises in their lifetimes. Their hope reached toward a heavenly home. Biblical hope rests in God's faithfulness even when results take time.

HEART CHECK

What were these believers looking for, according to verses 10 and 16?

Where do I need to keep trusting Christ without demanding immediate results?

PRAY

Father, anchor my hope in Your promises and strengthen my patience.

MY ONE FAITHFUL STEP

Friday: Faith Hope and Love

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

TODAY'S TRUTH

Love shapes the way I put my faith into practice.

REFLECT

Paul places love at the center of life together. Gifts and impressive actions lose their purpose without love. Faith trusts God, hope looks toward His promises, and love shapes how we treat people. Read the descriptions of love before choosing your next action.

HEART CHECK

Which description of love in verses 4-7 challenges me most?

How can that kind of love change one conversation or act of service?

PRAY

Lord, make my trust and hope visible through patient, practical love.

MY ONE FAITHFUL STEP

Saturday: Take the Step Together

READ HEBREWS 10:23-25

TODAY'S TRUTH

We hold fast to hope and encourage one another.

REFLECT

This passage calls believers to hold firmly to their hope because God is faithful. It also calls them to gather and stir one another toward love and good works. Completing Orientation is a beginning. Growth continues through relationships, Scripture, service, and care.

HEART CHECK

What reasons and responsibilities does this passage give the church?

Who can walk with me as I take my next step, and whom can I encourage?

PRAY

Father, help me give and receive encouragement in my church family.

MY ONE FAITHFUL STEP

Faith Hope and Love Inventory

HONEST REFLECTION • PRAYERFUL RESPONSE

REMEMBER

God is faithful. Bring your fears, responsibilities, and hopes before Him. Receiving help can be a faithful next step.

FAITH — What part of my life am I still trying to control?

LOVE — Whom has God entrusted to my care?

HOPE — Which promise of Christ will guide my next step?

SUPPORT — What care or counsel do I need to receive?

My Life Belongs to Jesus

THE GOSPEL • BAPTISM • DAILY OBEDIENCE

REMEMBER

Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. We receive salvation by grace through faith. Baptism publicly identifies us with Him; it does not earn salvation.

THE GOSPEL — How would I explain Jesus' death and resurrection?

MY TRUST — Have I personally trusted Jesus? What questions do I have?

MY RESPONSE — Is baptism or renewed obedience my next step?

OUR CARE — How can I encourage someone baptized this Sunday?

Love Makes a Commitment

CHILDREN • FAMILIES • OUR CHURCH

REMEMBER

Dedication expresses a family's commitment to nurture a child in the Lord. Our church supports that commitment through prayer, patience, teaching, and practical help.

ONE PERSON — Which child, parent, or family will I pray for?

ONE EXAMPLE — What will my words and actions teach them?

ONE ACT — What practical help can I offer without making assumptions?

ONE FOLLOW-UP — When will I check in and continue supporting them?

My Next Step Growth Plan

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • RECEIVE CARE

REMEMBER

A certificate marks a completed step. Following Jesus continues. Choose one realistic action and invite someone to walk with you.

MY STEP — What specific act of obedience will I take?

MY REASON — Which Scripture helps me understand this step?

MY SUPPORT — Who will pray with me or help me follow through?

MY DATE — When will I act, and when will I review my progress?

My Commitment and Prayer

TRUST GOD • LOVE FAITHFULLY • STEP FORWARD

THIS WEEK — The step I will take is:

MY SUPPORT — The person I will contact for encouragement is:

WHEN I FEEL AFRAID — The truth I will remember is:

MY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for dying and rising so I can belong to You. Help me trust You with my life, love the people You entrust to me, and take my next step in hope. Give me humility to receive help and courage to obey. Amen.

My Declaration

FAITH TRUSTS HIM • LOVE COMMITS TO HIM • HOPE TAKES A STEP

I DECLARE

God is faithful. Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again. As I trust Him, I can obey His Word without seeing the whole road. I can care for the people He places before me, receive help when I need it, and keep my hope anchored in His promises.

THIS WEEK I WILL REMEMBER

- Faith responds to God's call.
- Love makes a commitment that continues beyond a ceremony.
- Hope reaches beyond immediate results.
- I can take one faithful step with Christ and His people.

PRAYER

Father, let Your Word guide my decisions. Strengthen my faith, deepen my love, and renew my hope. Help me celebrate the steps of others and respond to Your call in my own life. In Jesus' name, amen.

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