

“Obedience produces more faith,  
which produces more obedience...”

# PULPIT CURRICULUM

## FAITH: THE LAST CHAPTER HEBREWS 11:23-28

### 1. REVIEW

Read Hebrews 11:23-28. Why do you think Moses chose to completely reject the status quo of living life in the palace? Do you think he still could've led God's people while enjoying the palace life? If yes, why didn't he? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some common ways Christians in America lead a double life: keeping one foot in the “palace” and one foot in the faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Hebrews 11:32-40. Following God leads to mistreatment. It will happen. Why does God call His children to a life that will end up being unpopular and lead to mistreatment? What would you say to someone who feels like a loving God wouldn't do that? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. ASSESS

Obedience is more than just disagreeing with the status quo or not actively supporting it. Obedience is rejecting the status quo and actually going against it. In what area of your life have you not fully rejected the status quo and instead have chosen to believe what the world thinks is just “the way things are?” \_\_\_\_\_

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Faith chooses suffering over pleasure and that's not always easy to choose. Sometimes we try to get a little pleasure along with our suffering or just flat-out reject suffering altogether. Share with your group a time when you chose to reject suffering out of fear that you would be viewed as unpopular, unloving, bigoted, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

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Faith and obedience go together. You can't have one without the other (James 2:26). But sometimes it's more difficult to continue obeying in faith than it was when you first started. How would you describe your “continuing in faith” this year compared to your first year following Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. APPLY

Breaking out of the status quo or choosing suffering over pleasure can produce some uncertainty in your life. But uncertainty only produces fear when you are not focused on the certainty of God's promises. What promises can you apply to your life today? How will you and your group fill each other's minds with the “certainties” of God this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have each person in your group choose one other person for whom they will pray for each day this week. Share with that person a certainty of God from scripture and pray specifically that they would continue in faith in an area in which they are struggling. \_\_\_\_\_

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## MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

## SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

1A) Faith chooses obedience over status quo. v23

2A) Faith chooses suffering over pleasure. v24

3A) Faith chooses future over present. v27

4A) Faith chooses continuing over stopping. v28

*This week's message was delivered by multiple pastors. Use the space below to write down any quotes that were especially meaningful for you.*

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## 5 DAY READING PLAN

### DAY 1

READ 1 John 2:3-6

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

### DAY 2

READ Jude 1:17-23

What I learned:

How I will respond:

### DAY 3

READ James 2:14-26

What I learned:

How I will respond:

### DAY 4

READ Galatians 6:7-10

What I learned:

How I will respond:

### DAY 5

READ 1 Peter 1:13-16

What I learned:

How I will respond:

To learn more about studying the Bible, look for the "Essentials of Growing in Christ" class starting soon at your campus.