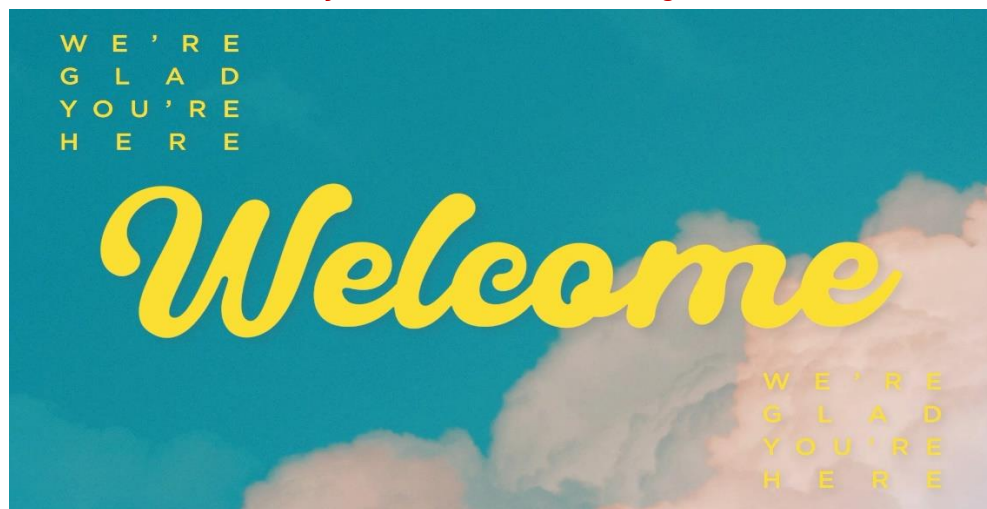
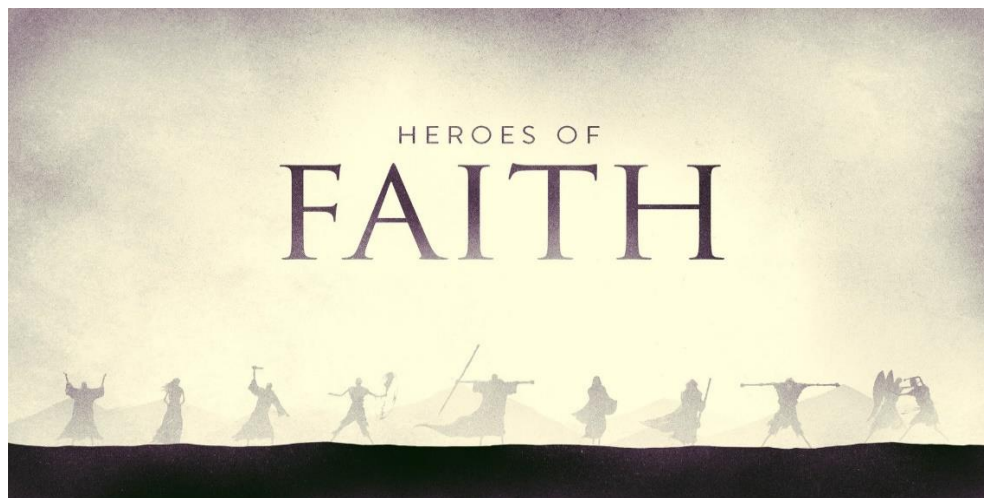


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Phil Marfleet
SINGING TOGETHER Jesus saves
Bless God

PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Great is the Darkness
UPDATES Phil Marfleet
SINGING TOGETHER Battle belongs
BIBLE READING Genesis 37:1-11 (Church Bible page 94)
MESSAGE Taught by Chris Bruce
SINGING TOGETHER When peace like a river



Heroes of Faith ~ 5 How to trust God in the dark times. Genesis 37:1-11 (Hebrews 11:21-22)

'By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.' Hebrews 11:21-22 NIV

1. Being in God's family _____ dark times.

'The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. So, Joseph found favour in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.'
Genesis 39:2-4 NIV

'But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed.'
Genesis 39:21-23 NIV

'Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you."
Genesis 41:39-40 NIV

2. We have God's _____ in dark times.

"Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.'
Acts 7:9-10 NIV

"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him—you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it."
Acts 7:51-53 NIV

3. Practical Steps to _____ in dark times.

- Walk in _____ and _____ unbelief and doubt.

'But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.'

Romans 10:8-11 NIV

- Focus on God's _____ in the Bible and pray for _____.

'You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!'

Psalms 119:104-105 NIV

- Remember _____.

*'Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.*

*Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced'*

Psalms 105:4,5 NIV

- Find _____.

'And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.'

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

- Walk in _____ and _____ unbelief and doubt.

'Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength." With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death. So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man.'" Judges 16:15-17 NIV

- Don't _____ on the dark times.

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance

the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God'

Hebrews 12:1,2 NIV

4. God's promises _____ through the dark times.

*'When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? **You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.** So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.'*

Genesis 50:15-21 NIV

'Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."'

Genesis 50:24-25 NIV

'And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants.'

Joshua 24:32 NIV



There are no talk it over discussion questions as our Life Groups are on a break over the summer.

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