



# HERITAGE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

## **Missional Community Discussion** **Week of March 26th**

### **Opening thought:**

“Faith is trusting God completely, no matter what.” It takes faith to learn to say “YES” to God.

### **Questions to discuss:**

1. Read Hebrews 11:28-40 & 12:1-2
2. Talk about a time you said “Yes” to God in faith. How did it turn out?
3. Think of the stories spoken of in verses 28-31. The Passover, Crossing the Red Sea, the walls of Jericho, and Rahab welcoming the spies. Why was faith required in each of those instances?
4. In verse 35-38, we read that for those who had faith, sometimes it turned out good for them, sometimes they suffered greatly. Have you ever suffered because of your faith in God?
5. In chapter 12 verse 1, we see two things that can hinder us in our journey of faith. Weights and sin. Are you holding on to anything you need to “lay aside” in order to follow Jesus more faithfully?
6. Jesus was ultimately faithful in saying “Yes” to God. He was obedient even unto death on a cross. What an example for us! How can the encouragement of Jesus and all the heroes of faith we have studied spur us on in our own lives?

### **Looking ahead:**

When we say “Yes” to God, he protects us, removes obstacles, gives us victory over impossible situations, and transforms our lives. Why would we put our faith in anyone/anything else?

### **Challenge:**

Faith is trusting God completely, no matter what. Commit to studying through Hebrews 11 with us this month, and let’s see God grow us into a church of great faith!

***Read through the New Testament in 2017 - This week’s reading - Luke 17-21***



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