Big idea: Spiritual victories are fought and won by faith.

Faith is <u>believing</u> God's <u>Word</u> and <u>acting</u> on it, no matter how I <u>feel</u>, knowing God <u>promises</u> a <u>good</u> result.

Are you facing any invincible barriers that stand in the way of your moving onward in these categories?

- A circumstance?
- A person?
- An attitude?
- An appetite?

Some people think of faith like a magic potion that grants every wish. How is true faith different?

## 1) Faith <u>walks</u>. (v.1-7)

- Faith <u>sees</u> future <u>victory</u> through spiritual <u>eyes</u>.
- Faith renounces self-reliance.
- Faith <u>obeys</u> God with <u>precision</u>.

Do you have trouble envisioning victory in your future? Describe a victory that, through faith's eyes, you see in your future?

How has God used difficult circumstances to convince you of your inability and bring you to a place of renouncing self-reliance?

Faith always shows up in the outworking of the most practical components of life. What is the evidence of your faith?

## 2) Faith <u>waits</u>. (v.8-19)

- Faith marches onward through seasons of doubt.
- Faith expresses quiet confidence until God moves.
- · Faith worships while it waits.

God's timing is not always my timing. What are you waiting on God to do in response to your faith?

Do you have any honest doubts about the way God is running his business? What are they?

Do you have trouble keeping your mouth shut while you are waiting on God to move? Is your speech characterized by any of the following?

- Grumbling or griping?
- Fretting or drama?
- · Gossip or criticism?

Waiting should never diminish worship. Is it hard for you to worship God while you are waiting? What is the importance of gathering together with others for worship while you wait?

- 3) Faith wins. (v.20-27)
  - Faith declares <u>outwardly</u> what it believes <u>inwardly</u>.
  - Faith shouts in the face of unbelief.
  - Faith understands it's not about me.

How is God glorified when we verbalize our faith? Are you fearful of expressing your confidence in God to others because you aren't sure He will come through?

How often do you pray or praise out loud?

God doesn't send the victory to make much of me. How much is your conversation characterized by victories God has won versus the victories you have won?

## **Additional Scripture**

- Genesis 15:6
- Luke 11:13
- Romans 1:17
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- 1John 5:4-5
- Hebrews 11:1
- Hebrews 11:6