

## FAITH SEES GOD'S VERSION OF THE FUTURE

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*FAITH IS LIKE A SPIRITUAL SIXTH SENSE. WITH CERTAIN MINDFULNESS OF THE PROMISES OF GOD, FAITH PERCEIVES AND ANTICIPATES THE ACTIVITY OF GOD AND THEN COMPELS ONE TO THINK, FEEL, AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.*

### ◆ FAITH SEES AND PROJECTS GOD'S BETTER VERSION OF THE FUTURE

### ◆ FAITH SEES AND CHOOSES A BETTER, UNCONVENTIONAL WAY

### ◆ FAITH IS STRENGTHENED BY RECALLING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

### ◆ FAITH IS CERTAIN OF OUR BETTER HOME

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## FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

- ⇒ Memorize Hebrews 11:6
- ⇒ Read the story of Joseph in Genesis 37-50
- ⇒ Read about Eric Liddell's faith legacy – <https://bit.ly/OGMSEric>
- ⇒ Read "What the Story of Joseph is Really All About" – <https://bit.ly/storyofjoseph1>
- ⇒ Read "The Blessing" – <https://bit.ly/the-blessing1>
- ⇒ Read "The Unconventionals" – <https://bit.ly/theunconventionals1>
- ⇒ Read about walking by faith – <https://bit.ly/walkbyfaith2>
- ⇒ Listen to "Not my Home" – <https://bit.ly/notmyhome1>
- ⇒ Listen to "Give me Faith" – <https://bit.ly/Givemefait1>
- ⇒ Watch "The Gospel Explained" – <https://bit.ly/gospelexplained>
- ⇒ Read The Blessing by John Trent and Gary Smalley

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## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, explain the concept of "the blessing" in the Bible. Consider Genesis 49:22-26, Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 1, Luke 24:50-51.
3. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What are some of the blessings bestowed on those who have faith in Christ? Which of these blessings are you particularly grateful for today?
4. What are some specific ways you can bless your children, grandchildren, or others with a sense of what you expect God to do in their lives in the future? Who could you share a blessing with verbally or in writing?
5. The way that Isaac blessed his sons was unconventional and backwards. What are some specific ways the kingdom of God is unconventional and altogether different from our world?
6. Describe a time when you or someone you know trusted God by faith even though your faith may have looked contrary to human convention. What did God do?
7. Read Psalm 145 together. Take some time to share about God's faithfulness to you in the past. What has God's faithfulness looked like in your life? How might your life be different if God had not been faithful?
8. One of our global partners talks about the joy and confidence we can have in "betting the farm on God." What does it look like right now to trust God with everything he is asking for? What is the risk of doing this? What is the risk of not doing it?
9. Read John 14:1-6. What do you look forward to as you think about the home in heaven the Lord is preparing for you?
10. If you were to die today, how certain are you of a home in heaven? Consider John 3:16.

