



Sermon Outline
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Leaning Into the Future

Ephesians 1:1-14

Being a Christ follower means trusting God and His promises which requires _____.

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Unbelief puts our circumstance between us & God, but faith puts God between us & our circumstances. - F.B. Meyer

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

**There's a lot of _____
about the future.**

I object to people running down the future. We are going to live the rest of our lives there, and I'd like it to be a nice place. - Charles F. Kettering

The Crawfish Philosophy: *Back into the _____, looking forward to the _____.*

The future is not what it used to be! - Yogi Berra

Being a Christ follower in today's world requires _____ faith.

Without daring faith the foreseeable future can seem overwhelming and _____.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 - We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

God never made any promises that our immediate future would get any _____.

John 16:33 - I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Because of our spiritual blessings in Christ:

- 1. We know we're not an _____.**
- 2. We're _____.**
- 3. Our past can't follow us into _____.**
- 4. God doesn't keep us in the _____.**
- 5. God's purposes cannot be _____.**
- 6. God's promises come with a _____.**

Daring faith allows you to lean into the uncertainty of tomorrow because your true focus is on _____.

2 Corinthians 4:18 - So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Sorrow looks back; Worry looks around; Faith looks _____.

The last time I checked, the tomb was still empty, God was still on His throne, and Jesus was on the edge of His seat waiting for the command to come and _____!