

Sermon Outline February 10, 2019 **Pastor Bryan Myers**

> Culture Shock Joshua

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Series objective: To help us see from Genesis to Revelation that God's Big Story is that He wants to be with us, and He wants us to be with Him.

Series goal: To help us become more conscious of living the "with God" life.

is the major component of living the "with God" life.

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.

Three important features of living by faith:

1) The ______ for faith is not "seeing is believing" but rather "believing (and responding accordingly) is seeing."

Joshua 3:13 - And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord-the Lord of all the earth-set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.

We choose to trust God because of solid evidence in favor of, and despite circumstantial evidence against.

Malachi 3:10 – "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

2) Living by faith will often appear

Joshua 6:5 - When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.

Many of God's instructions to His people are the of the natural response.

Matthew 5:38-41 - "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles."

Matthew 23:11-12 - The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

3) You will have time to do God intends for you to accomplish.

Joshua 10:13a - So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies...

Psalm 139:16b - ...all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

James 4:14-15 - Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

Living by faith will enable you to in the sovereignty of God.