

40 DAYS SERIES ON FORWARD BY FAITH: FAITH KILLERS.

Day 11: FOXES THAT RUIN FAITH. Hebrews 11:6. One of the most coveted Christian Virtues is Faith, because we know too well that without Faith it's impossible to please God. Yet the little faith we have is always killed before it even take root. We live in a world where the competition for our faith is overwhelming. In the next ten days we are going to look at these foxes that ruin our faith. (Scripture reading: John 10:10)

Day 12: THE FOX OF SIN. Romans 11:22-23. This may be a new definition of sin to some of us; "Sin is anything done without faith." As precious as faith is, the sin in our lives will destroy it. If we are going to protect our faith then we must deal with the sin in our lives. Faith keeps us away from sin and Sin keeps us away from faith. (Scripture reading: Psalms 32:1-5)

Day 13: THE FOX OF FEAR. Isaiah 35:3-4. Many times fear cripples us and leaves us faithless. Fear of failure, fear of rejection and fear of the unknown can stop us from having faith that can move the mountains in your life. Be strong because the Lord will come through for you soon. **Q** - What are you afraid of today? What mountains are not moved in your life because of fear? How can you overcome these fears in your life? (Scripture reading: Isaiah 41:10, 2 Tim. 1:7, Psalms 56:3-4, Isaiah 43:1-3, Duet. 31:6-8)

Day 14: THE FOX OF DOUBT. James 1:6. All that we need in Christ's name is ours for grabs if only we remain faithful. Most times we doubt because we lack a complete trust in God, his word and his promises. "...but let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubt is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." **Q**- What areas in your life are mostly in doubt? Name two promises of God you will trust to pursue this year? (Scripture reading Matt 14:31, Psalms 27:13-14, Hebrews 11:1-2, Mark 11:23)

Day 15: THE FOX OF NEGATIVITY. Philippians 4:8. We can look at life as a Cup Half-full or Half-empty. The mind is one of the most powerful organ in the body. What we feed it will determine who we become. If you feed it with negativity, you become a negative person, if you feed it on faithfulness, you become a faithful person. The Bible calls us to fill ourselves with whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable....we are called to think of the things that are excellent and praiseworthy. **Q-What** thoughts do you allow in your mind? (Scripture reading: Col. 3:2, 2 Cor.10:5, Prov. 23:7KJV- "...for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he")

Day 16: THE FOX OF BAD COMPANY. Proverbs 29:25. The people around us have a great influence in our faith, if you surround yourself with faithless people, you will become faithless, but if your friends are faithful men and women you will grow in your faith. **1 Corinthians. 15:33** Bad Company corrupts good character The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe. **Q-Who** are your friends? Which godly and faithful friendships would you want to build this year to help you grow in your Faith? (Scripture reading: Psalms 1:1-6, Psalms 46:3, 118:8, Matt. 10:28)

Day 17: THE FOX OF WORLDLINESS. 2 Tim. 2:22. "...so flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." When we allow our hearts to be consumed with the things of this world then our faith is killed. **Q-What** attracts you to the world? (Scripture reading: Rom 12:2, 1John 2:15-17)

Day 18: THE FOX OF APATHY. Hebrews 3:8. Apathy can be defined as lack of interest, enthusiasm, concern or excitement. It is the absence of passion or emotion for things that move others. The hardness of our hearts to the things of God results in apathy which kills our faith. When this happens, we reach a point where we are no longer moved by the things of God. Jesus in Matthew 13:58 stopped the performance of miracles because of their lack of faith.

Day 19: THE FOX OF PROCRASTINATION. Proverbs: 20:4. Postponing things never makes it easy, we loss quite a bit if not all when we are not urgent with the things of God. The seeds that fell on the path were snatched away by the birds of the air because of the delay to grow, we live in a world with lots of 'birds' our faith is in constant attack and we have to protect it. (Scripture reading: Ecclesiastes 9:10, 11:4, Proverbs 13:4)

Day 20: THE FOX OF LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. Hosea 4:6. Most times, our faith will be killed because we lack the knowledge of the scriptures. In Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Our faith will be built by having our roots deep in the scriptures. **Q**—Which scriptures have I put to memory to help build my faith? (Scripture reading: Job 36: 12, Proverbs 18 15, John 8:31-32)