

MESSAGE 1: Radical Faith

Parts 1-3

Philippians 1:1-11

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

RADICAL FAITH IS...

1. _____
“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

2. _____
“It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about something that had never happened before.” Hebrews 11:7 (NLT)

“It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him and go out to a country God had promised to him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going.” Hebrews 11:8 (TEV)

3. _____
“It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the king's anger. He held to his purpose like a man who could see the invisible.” Hebrews 11:27 (JB)

“What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.” Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

4. _____
“It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, confidently spoke of God's bringing the people of Israel out of Egypt. He was so sure of it that he commanded them to carry his bones with them when they left!” Hebrews 11:22 (NLT)

“By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see.” Hebrews 11:3 (MSG)

“For he spoke, and it came to be.” Psalm 33:9 (NIV)

(God said) “I have made you a father of many nations... God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.” Roman 4:11 (NIV)

*“God speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past.”
Romans 4:17 (LB)*

“For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved.” Romans 10:10 (TEV)

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“It was faith that made Abel's offering to God a better sacrifice than Cain's. Through his faith...God approved of his giving.” Hebrews 11:4 (GN)

*“Because of their great joy... They gave even more than they could afford.”
2 Corinthians 8:2-3 (ICB)*

“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns and overflow your barrels with the finest wines.” Proverbs 3:9 (LB)

“On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for your offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.” 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

6.

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.” Hebrews 11:30 (NIV)

“When you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it, and you will be given what you ask for.” Mark 11:24 (GN)

“Jesus said, ‘Because of your faith, it will happen.’” Matthew 9:29 (NLT)

7.

“They were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better...” Hebrews 11:39-40 (NIV)

“Faith comes from hearing the Word of God...” Romans 10:17 (NIV)

MESSAGE 2: Radical Gratitude

Parts 1-4

Philippians 1:1-11

Latin: *Radicalis* = from the root
“RADICAL” MEANS ROOTED

“Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him.”
Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

“May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand ...how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. THEN you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”
Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT)

“They don't have deep roots, so they don't last very long. As soon as life gets hard or the message gets them in trouble, they give up.” Matthew 13:21 (CEV)

“BLESSED are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit.”
Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT)

“The surviving remnant of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.”
2 Kings 19:30 (NAS)

“Sink your roots in him and build on him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and overflow with thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:7 (GW)

1st Characteristic: _____

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

WHY IS GRATITUDE ALWAYS GOD'S WILL?

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THE BENEFITS OF RADICAL GRATITUDE

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How will you practice the 5 ways this week?

MESSAGE 3: Radical Joy

Parts 1-3

“The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and JOY in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17 (NIV)

*Paul: “I will continue with you so that you will grow and experience the JOY of your faith.”
Philippians 1:25 (NLT)*

“Always be full of JOY in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!” Philippians 4:4 (NLT)

6 REASONS FOR RADICAL JOY

Romans 8

IF I'M IN CHRIST...

1. _____
“There is now no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 (NIV)

“My heart finds JOY in your salvation.” Psalm 13:5 (GW)

2. _____
*“The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. So just as he raised Christ from the dead, he will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit!” Rom. 8:11 (NLT)
“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn with many brothers and sisters.” Romans 8:29 (NLT)*

3. _____
“We know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him, who've been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NIV)

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the JOY set before him endured the cross...” Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

*“As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find JOY in your commands.”
Psalm 119:143 (NLT)*

4. _____

“What can we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?” Romans 8:31 (NLT)

“Who can accuse the people God has chosen? No one, because God is the One who makes them right.” Romans 8:33 (NCV)

“None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us.” Romans 8:37 (MSG)

“I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my JOY within them.” John 17:13 (NIV)

5. _____

“Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?” Romans 8:32 (NLT)

*“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*

*“Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant JOY.”
John 16:24 (NLT)*

6. _____

“I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom. 8:38-39 (NLT)

“You will fill me with JOY in your presence.” Psalm 16:11 (NIV)

“Restore to me again the joy of your salvation.” Psalm 51:12 (NLT)

MESSAGE 4: Radical Hope

Parts 1-3

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

REASONS FOR HOPE

1st Peter

1. _____
“You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by his Spirit...” 1 Peter 1:2 (TEV)
2. _____
“All honor to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again.” 1 Peter 1:3a (LB)
3. _____
“Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead. For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.” 1 Peter 1:3b-4 (NLT)
4. _____
“And God, in his mighty power, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting him.” 1 Peter 1:5 (NLT)
5. _____
“So be glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while. These trials are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold. So if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.” 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

MESSAGE 5: The Miracle - Radical Generosity
Parts 1-2

Philippians 1:1-11

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.” Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)

2 CORINTHIANS 8-9

RADICAL GENEROSITY IS

“If you are really eager to give, it isn't important how much you're able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don't have.” 2 Corinthians 8:12 (TLB)

A MODEL OF 4 ATTITUDES

o RADICAL GENEROSITY IS _____
“We want you to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches in Macedonia. They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they are desperately poor.” 2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (TEV)

o RADICAL GENEROSITY IS _____
“For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.” 2 Corinthians 8:3 (NIV)

o RADICAL GENEROSITY IS _____
“Of their own free will they begged us and pleaded for the privilege of having a part in helping God's people in Judea.” 2 Corinthians 8:3b-4 (TEV)

“Never give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

o RADICAL GENEROSITY IS _____

“They gave in a way we did not expect: They first gave themselves to the Lord and then to us. This is what God wants.” 2 Corinthians 8:5 (NCV)

*“... your offering... is service that glorifies the Lord and shows your eagerness to help.”
2 Corinthians 8:19 (NLT)*

THE RESULTS OF RADICAL GENEROSITY

1. IT _____

“Just as you excel in everything else--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in the grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.” 2 Corinthians 8:7-8 (NIV)

“Your heart will be where your treasure is.” Matthew 6:21 (NCV)

2. IT _____

*“You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.”
2 Corinthians 8:9 (MSG)*

3. IT _____

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously... for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

*“God supplies seed to the farmer, then bread to eat. In the same way, God will give you seed and multiply it. In your lives he will increase the things you do that have his approval. You will be enriched so that you can be even more generous.”
2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT/GW)*

4. IT _____

“...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:11b-12 (NIV/GW)

5. IT _____

“You will glorify God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity...”

2 Corinthians 9:13 (GW)

MESSAGE 6: Radical Freedom

Parts 1-4

Philippians 1:1-11

“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 (NIV)

“Freedom is what we have—Christ has set us free! Stand, then, as free people, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again.” Galatians 5:1 (TEV)

RADICAL FREEDOM IS...

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“God has purchased our freedom with his blood and has forgiven ALL our sins.”
Colossians 1:14 (NLT)
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“In Christ and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”
Ephesians 3:12 (NIV)
- *“Let us, then, feel free to come before God's throne. Here there is grace. And we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it.”* Hebrews 4:16 (ICB)
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“Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.” Romans 6:6-7 (NLT)
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“... God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors.”
1 Peter 1:18 (NLT)
- *“You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the evil powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world?”* Colossians 2:20 (NLT)

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“Jesus became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil... Only in this way could he set us free from living our entire lives as slaves to the fear of dying.”
Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)

“God made us free from the power of darkness, and he brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son.” Colossians 1:13 (ICB)

HOW TO LIVE RADICALLY FREE

1.

“Jesus gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.” 1 Timothy 2:6 (NLT)

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)
2.

“If you continue in my Word, then you are really my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.” John 8:31-32 (KJV)

“I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.” Psalm 119:45 (NIV)
3.

“You were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge your sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13 (NIV)