

Vital Signs

Last week's offering \$86,389
Weekly budget \$59,997
Sunday worship 1858
Sunday school 1216



Prayer Requests

RECENT DEATHS

- Bobbi Well's grandfather
- Randy Rapp's father
- Gail McGinty's aunt

RECENT & UPCOMING SURGERIES

- Donald Kincade
- Jeff Gray

OTHER NEEDS

- Daniel Probst is now under hospice care

Contacting Your Pastors

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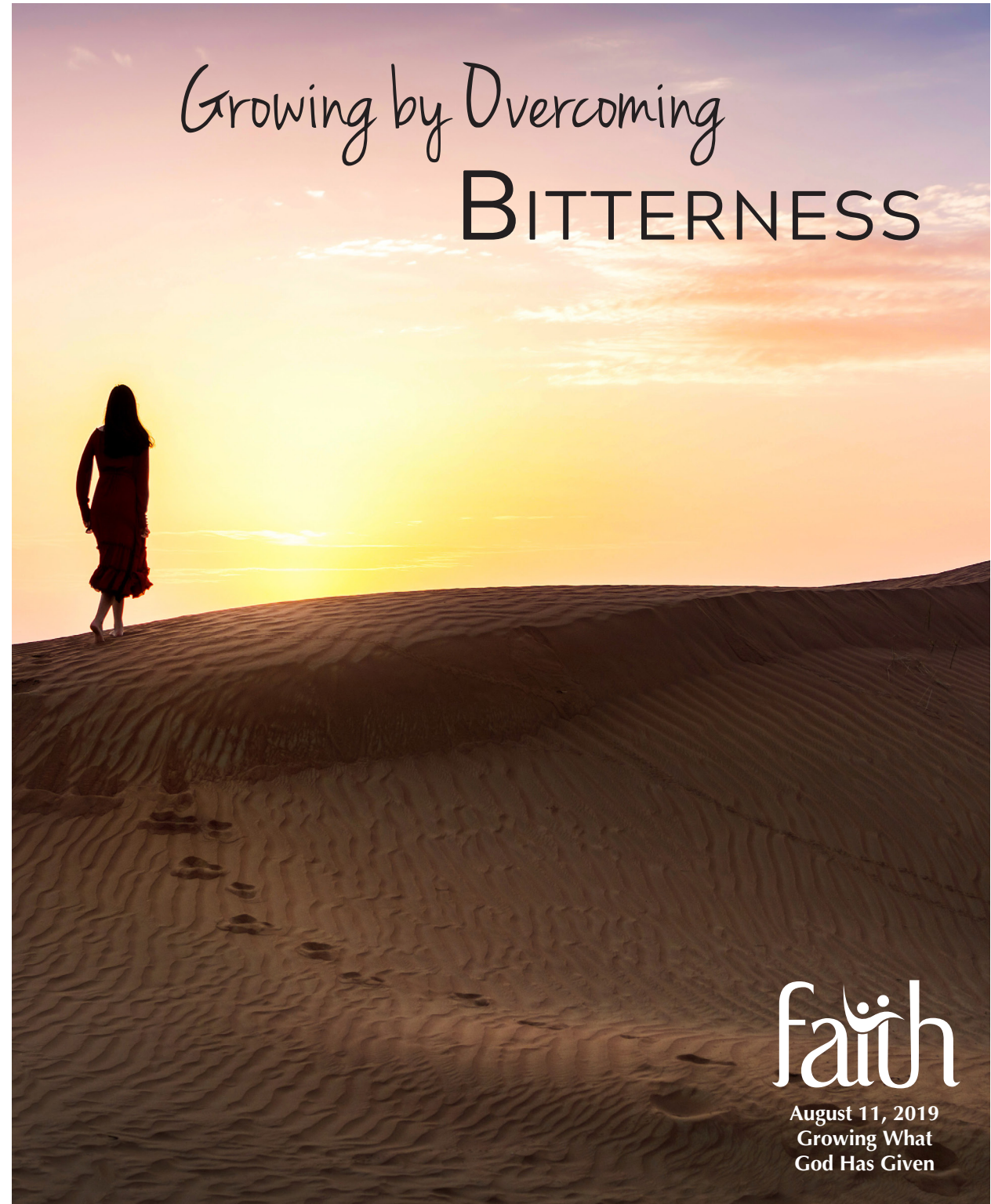
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Growing by Overcoming BITTERNESS



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August 11, 2019
Growing What
God Has Given

Back to school Back to church

FALL MINISTRY TRAINING AUGUST 14

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Faith East Auditorium

Who should attend?

- ABF teachers, coordinators, and key leaders
- Children's Ministry class leaders and class assistants
- Ushers, greeters, and coffee ministry servants
- Student Ministry leaders meet in The Loft

If you will need childcare, please RSVP at faithlafayette.org/training

FALL AT FAITH

SUNDAY FALL KICKOFF

August 18—8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

New preaching series on "Growth Essentials"

New Adult Bible Fellowship, Student Ministries,
and Children's Ministries teaching

Invite others to join us!

WEDNESDAY FALL KICKOFF

Night of worship on August 28

- Nursery and classroom ministries
available for infants and preschoolers

Classes begin on September 4

- Faith Community Institute courses for
adults
- Full ministries for children and teens



Our Roots

Faith Church



Faith Christian
School

Faith Community
Ministries

Faith Biblical
Counseling



Children's Ministries

Vision of Hope



Faith Bible Seminary

Student Ministries



College & International Ministries

Adult Ministries



Learn more about
these ministries at
faithlafayette.org

Children's Ministry

READ: Matthew-Revelation

ASK YOUR CHILD:

- Who is Jesus? *Jesus is God in human flesh.*
- How can people be saved? *We must trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus as our only hope of heaven.*
- What mission did Jesus give His church? *To share the gospel with others.*
- What future awaits Christ's followers? *They will spend eternity in His presence.*

EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE: God offers new life through his Son. Therefore, we should follow Jesus and share him with others.

PRACTICE:

- Embrace Jesus as Lord.
- Encourage others to trust in Jesus.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Genesis 1-2

MEMORIZE FOR JULY 21-AUGUST 11: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2

Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

* Preschool verse in bold

4:TWELVE

Sundays

Faith East 9:30 & 11:00AM

Faith West 9:30AM

Faith North 11:00AM

Wednesdays - Faith East and Faith North 6:30PM

Thursdays - Faith West 6:30PM



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Faith Church's entire sermon library is available on the SermonAudio app.
Download @ sermonaudio.com/mobile. Church member ID is "faithlafayette".

Adult Bible Fellowships

- 8:00AM SONRISE (215/217)
FOUNDATIONS (203/205)
COLLEGE (FW MPR)
- 9:30AM AMBASSADORS (VOH)
BEREANS (207/209)
CAREER (FECC rm 2)
GENERATION (FECC rm 1)
ESTUDIO BIBLICO (NCC)
PEACEMAKERS (MS)
PROCLAIMERS (202/204)
YOUNG COUPLES (211/213)
YOUNG FAMILIES (203/205)

- 11:00AM ENCOURAGERS (202/204)
FRIENDSHIP (MS)

Faith Groups

Faith Groups promote spiritual growth through meaningful Christian relationships. They encourage spiritual growth through the study of God's Word, being vulnerable with other Christians, group service opportunities, and additional biblical training. They meet throughout the week and are led by various members of Faith Church West.

More information about Adult Bible Fellowships, Faith Groups, and Neighborhood Bible Groups is available online at faithlafayette.org/church/connect and at the welcome desk.

Neighborhood Bible Groups

Neighborhood Bible Groups at the Northend are a place of community that provide a safe place to strengthen one another's faith, encourage one another to good deeds, and to love and serve God and others. The groups meet throughout the week and are led by various members of Faith Church North.

Growing What God Has Given Growing by Overcoming Bitterness Embracing Hope in Bitterness because of God's Gracious Provision Ruth 3-4

"Retreat or risk? Throughout redemptive history, that question has confronted God's people. As John Piper references in the pages ahead, it was the decision facing the Israelites on a crucial day at Kadesh Barnea. Standing on the brink of the Promised Land, with the guarantee of God within their grasp, they ran from risk and chose to retreat. Instead of staking their lives on the faithfulness of God, they recoiled in fear. The cost was great, and the Lord left an entire generation to waste away in a wilderness until they died." David Platt, foreword in *Risk is Right* by John Piper, p. 7

Philippians 1:20-21 - ...according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Ephesians 6:19-20 - ...and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

"If you had asked Paul to tell you what the ultimate aim of life is—his life or any unwasted life – I think this is what he would have said. Honoring Christ, magnifying Christ, making much of Christ. That was the meaning of Paul's life. It should be the meaning of ours. And Paul prays it will be the meaning of his death as well. We live and we die to make much of Christ." John Piper, *Risk is Right*, p. 13

3 very important questions

1. Is it true that living for God includes the willingness to take risk (an "action that exposes you to the possibility of loss or injury – Piper.p. 17)?
2. What is the relationship between avoiding or overcoming bitterness and the willingness to take risk?
3. What are the practical applications of this principle to the specific opportunities before people like you and me right here, right now?

"Bitter (OT – Marah, NT – pikros) – sour, brackish taste, the opposite of sweet. The poisonous, putrid bile from the gall bladder. An inner emotional feeling of deep sorrow, or an outwardly directed anger that cries out to the power that seems to be causing the problem," Theological Wordbook of the OT – p. 528-529.

"Bitterness is slow burning anger that fuels vengeful desires, thoughts, and actions. It demands satisfaction of one's personal sense of justice." Jeff Forrey, "Beating Bitterness with the Beatitudes," BCC Website

Ruth 1:15 - Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

Ruth 1:16-17; Ruth 1:19-22; Ruth 2:2; Ruth 2:12

3 ways faithful people are willing to risk

I. The Risk of Courageously _____ on God’s Word

A. The backdrop of the _____ of their culture

Judges 21:25 - *In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

Judges 14:1-3

B. The courage of Ruth and Naomi to cast themselves on the principles of God’s _____

Deuteronomy 25:5

Leviticus 25:25 - *If a fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman is to come and buy back what his relative has sold.*

Ruth 3:10

Deuteronomy 25:7-10

Philippians 2:12-13 - *So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

Jim Elliot – “...he is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

“If our single, all-embracing passion is to make much of Christ in life and death, and if the life that magnifies him most is the life of costly love, then life is risk, and risk is right. To run from risk is to waste your life.” John Piper, Rick is Right, p. 17

II. The Risk of Patiently _____ for God’s Fulfillment to Unfold

Ruth 3:18 - *Then she said, “Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today.”*

III. The Risk of Firmly _____ that God’s Plan is Breathtakingly Best

A. The beauty of _____

Ruth 4:9-10

1 Peter 1:18-19 - *...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*

B. The beauty of new _____

...it is absolutely amazing that Naomi is the one given such prominence and honor at the end of this story...

Ruth 4:14 - *Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel.”*

Ruth 4:17 - *The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi!” So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.*

C. The beauty of a divine _____

Caleb's Kin

Join our monthly fellowship for senior adults, August 14, 10am at Vision of Hope. We will have food, fellowship, and an encouraging update from Dr. Hodges. Please bring a large side dish as we will be sharing our meal with the VOH residents and staff. Questions? Contact Alisha Vegter (765) 350-0919 or Roseanna Beecher (765) 337-1699.

Deacon Nominations

Members, you should have recently received communication about deacon nominations. Please prayerfully make your suggestions on as many men as you feel are qualified by August 15. Deacon Elections will take place on Sunday, November 10. If you haven’t received anything, please contact the church office.

Women's Small Groups

Faith Church Women’s Ministry fall small groups begin the week of August 25 and continue for 12 weeks. There are many different small group times, locations, and topics to choose from. For more info, and to sign up, visit faithlafayette.org/womensmallgroup.

Mentoring

One-on-one mentoring allows members to be matched with wiser, more mature brothers or sisters in Christ for focused discipleship. For more information, please visit faithlafayette.org/women or faithlafayette.org/men.

VOH Graduation

Please join us for the next Vision of Hope Graduation ceremony, as we celebrate three graduates. The ceremony will be in the Faith Church East Auditorium at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 23.

Worship Night

Join us as we raise our voices together in praise during the next Worship Night! Mark your calendars for Friday, August 16, 7-8:30PM at the Northend Community Center. All are welcome – hope to see you there!

Point Man Groups

Point Man groups exist to help men deepen their relationship with Christ to fulfill their purpose as godly men in relationship to others. Point Man groups will foster relationships that are intentional, purposeful, vulnerable, dependable, accountable, truthful, and loving. Visit faithlafayette.org/men for more information.