



FaithFull

Week 4 | Enoch and the Walk of Faith

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Reading of the Word

- **Genesis 5:21–24 (ESV)** 21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. 22 Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.
- **Jude 14–15 (ESV)** 14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”
- **Hebrews 11:5–6 (ESV)** 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Enoch had faith. And God took him. But we’re not told what it was that Enoch did by faith that caused God to take him.

There is so much mystery around Enoch. Why is Enoch placed high like this on the podium of faith? What does Enoch teach us when it comes to being FaithFull?

Enoch's Existence.

Chapter 5 of Genesis goes into detail about the genealogy of the men and what sticks out like a sore thumb is the lifespan attached to each name.

- People listed here are called antediluvians, meaning “before the deluge” (deluge = great flood)
- One of the ideas, is that before Noah's flood, the world was different.
 - > The atmosphere, the land, and peoples bodies weren't as broken as they are today.
 - > God had made people to live forever before sin wrecked the picture! That's why people lived for centuries-

Genesis 5:23 says all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

- Enoch's tenure was amazingly long to us, but incredibly brief compared to his contemporaries, even to his son.
- Even so, Enoch racked up a track record of three centuries of righteous living, in a time where the world was not particularly conducive to righteousness.
- While everyone around him seemed to stand up for their lusts, Enoch stood with God.
- Not only was he a man who was known for righteous living, but he was known for prophetic living.
- Jude says that Enoch spoke out, in his time, against ungodly men. From Genesis, we know there were plenty of them to speak out against.

His whole existence was characterized by faith.

Enoch's End.

- Enoch is the only one in Genesis 5 where the phrase *and he died* doesn't show up. It says of Enoch, *and he was not, for God took him*.

What in the world happened to Enoch?

- *Taken up* just means to move something from from one place or sphere or existence to another.
- *God took him*. God translated him. God carried him across.
- The punch here is that this translation/transfer happened while Enoch was alive. There's no death involved. God just took him.
- really important contrast: Genesis 2–3 introduces death into humanity's story, Genesis 5 demonstrates the reality of that death, and Enoch becomes this extraordinary picture of

life with God beyond death

Do you see the great hope Enoch would have given people?

- It first says, there is a life for you even beyond this life.
- Also, people realize that this earthly body we have is somehow capable of a life even beyond this life. God will make us capable of living in a heavenly condition with him.
- And it's a message of the depth of God's love for us. If God loved Enoch like this, then it's possible for him to love everybody like this.

If Enoch had this depth of friendship with God, then that depth of friendship with God can exist for you too.

Enoch's Example.

Hebrews tells us that Enoch pleased God. Genesis tells us how he pleased God. It was his walk.

- And see this: Enoch walking with God in Genesis is the same as Enoch pleasing God in Hebrews. The reason Enoch pleased God, was because he walked with God.

Amos 3:3 says this about walking: *That two can't walk together unless they have agreed to do so.*

- When you walk with a person:
 - You agree on a place.
 - You agree on a path.
 - You agree on a pace.

Enoch walked in God's direction, followed God's path, and was in step with God the whole way.

- This kind of walk produced a bond with God. A fellowship and a righteousness to such an extent that when God said, *Just stay with me at my place*, it wasn't even an interruption in Enoch's life.

What do we learn?

- **That faith produces in us the kind of walk that is necessary to please God.**

Verse 6 tells us we have to have a walk with God where two things are true:

- 1) **It's a walk with a God that we believe exists.** The word behind exists here could be read this way: Believe that *he is*. That *he is*.
 - It is to take the words of Paul in Colossians 1:15-20 as the rock solid foundational truth of life.
 - Can you say this great hymn to Jesus that he is creator, and sustainer, the goal of everything, and the lover of our souls. (This is head and heart.)

- Believe those things about the God that is, and you are under his smile. You're walking with him.

2) It's a walk with a God that we believe rewards us.

- Why would we ever walk with God? A: We believe there will be great benefit gained from walking with God.
- Enoch knew a little secret: With the same force that God will punish those who refuse to walk with him, he will reward those who do.
- And that same trust leads us to faithfulness.
- We also believe that it will be worth it to walk with him. And that he will reward.
- Enoch walked with God. He had peace with God. He was reconciled to God. He stood for God. And his reward was life with God.

Hebrews doesn't lay out for us some walk with God that's some mythical quest where we have to fight dragons and rescue a princess to please God.

- It only says that Enoch's walk was by faith. And *that* is what pleased God.
- And that same faith that he had, *is available to us*, today.
- That, we can have. That, we can do. We can have faith.

Do you have it? Are you walking with God today?

- **Here's how you start:** Believe he is. Believe in Jesus Christ his Son the Savior. Confess your sin. Confess that Jesus' blood covers your sin. and be Baptized into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to be forgiven of your sin, and rise to walk in new life.
- That's how you start. But do you know how you continue? You do exactly what you did to begin the walk. You believe, you repent, you remember that your sins have been washed white as snow.
- *As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.* (Col 2:6)
- You cannot be Enoch unless you too please God, and you cannot please God unless you have faith in Him.
- The good news today? You can.

God, help us walk in the faith of Enoch. A faith that shows you allegiance. A faith that says, God, where to today? A faith that says, show me how to get there! And a faith that keeps pace with you, by keeping in step with the Spirit. We declare loyalty today, again, to the name of Jesus, Amen.

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