

## **OUR PROBLEM: AN ABSENCE OF PASSION – HEB. 11:6**

### **SERIES: THE JOURNEY OF PURSUING GOD'S WILL**

<sup>9</sup> Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. **Galatians 6:9 (NASB)**

## **1. GOD WANTS US TO WALK BY FAITH**

<sup>7</sup> We live by faith, not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.  
**Hebrews 11:6 (NASB)**

## **2. DOING GOD'S WILL MAY UPSET OTHERS**

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.  
**Hebrews 11:4 (NASB)**

## **3. DOING GOD'S WILL MAY LEAD TO A SURPRISE ENDING**

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.  
**Hebrews 11:5 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly ones.  
**Psalms 116:15 (NASB)**

## **4. DOING GOD'S WILL MAY MEAN PERSECUTION**

<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. **Hebrews 11:7 (NASB)**

<sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated <sup>38</sup> (*men* of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.  
**Hebrews 11:37-40 (NASB)**

## **5. DOING GOD'S WILL MEANS LEAVING THE FAMILIAR FOR THE UNKNOWN**

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **Hebrews 11:8-10 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup> I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. <sup>13</sup> Of course, my friends, I really do not think that I have already won it; the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. <sup>14</sup> So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above. <sup>15</sup> All of us who are spiritually mature should have this same attitude. But if some of you have a different attitude, God will make this clear to you. **Philippians 3:12-15 (TEV)**