A- Acknowledge Christ’s Power To Make A Way Through The Maze (Hebrews 11)

Sunday, March 3, 2019  AVBC 10:30 am

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5, 6)

1. Your faith is built on the foundation of ___________ about God that you choose to ________________.

Q1: Do you believe that God _____________?
Q2: Do you believe God ________________ those who seek Him?

2. When you strengthen what you believe you ______________ affirm what you inwardly confirm.

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel…that is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. (II Timothy 1:8a, 12) (Daniel 3:13-18, Psalm 23:4)

- The word “through” assumes ______________.

3. You strengthen what you believe when you ______________ affirm what you inwardly confirm.

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks. (Luke 6:45)

1. W ___________ it!
2. S ___________ it!
3. M _______________ it! (Heb. 1:6, Prov. 3:5, 6, Romans 8:28-29)
4. P ___________ it!
5. E _______________ it!

DIGGING DEEPER
(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Synonyms for “acknowledge” include words such as recognize, admit, accept, concede and confess. Can you think of a time in your life when “acknowledging” someone or something was a wise thing to do? If so, explain.
Q2: Has there ever been a time in your life when you came to the end of your rope, stopped leaning upon your own reasoning/abilities and decided, instead, to trust the Lord to reveal His plan and purpose? If so, explain.
Q3: Hebrews 11:6 states that God will reward those who diligently/earnestly seek Him. What do you think diligent pursuit of God looks like? What do you think God has in mind when it comes to rewards?
Q4: Read and discuss the following quote…
“Faith always attaches itself to what God has said or promised. When an honourable man says anything, he also does it. On the back of the saying follows the doing. So also it is with God. When He would do anything, He says so first in His Word.” (Andrew Murray)
Q5: Read Hebrews 11:32-40. How did the Lord deliver people from their mazes in vs. 32-35a? How about verses 35b-40? What would you say to a person that says that living by faith means that things always turn out the way we want them to?
Q6: Read Joshua 6:8-14. What did Joshua believe that motivated him to totally turn Israel’s normal military strategy upside down?
Q7: Joshua’s belief affected his behavior. Has your belief in the Lord ever resulted in behaviour that seemed foolish to the watching world? If so, explain.
Q8: Read Psalm 19:7-14. David faced many times of confusion in his life, yet he found comfort and strength in the promises of God’s Word. From these verses create a list of “I BELIEVE” statements that you can memorize and hang onto this week.