Faithfulness Today

Brent Moody · Hebrews 3:7–14

INTRODUCTION

- Performance goals like this tend to focus on the result.
- Unfortunately, what tends to happen with these is we get behind and overwhelmed and ultimately discouraged.
- Process or system goals are about building habits and shaping behavior today or in the moment so that the results happen naturally over time.

1 Be Ready Now, Every Day

Matthew 24:44

- Therefore, you must also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour you do not expect.
- If today matters, what that's telling us is we need to be ready now. We need to be ready every day.
- Planning spiritual growth is both good and it's important, but it is not in opposition to being prepared right now.
- Can I say I'm ready to meet God right now? If the answer is no, that demands some action immediately.

2 Focusing on the Moment and on Today

Luke 9:23; Matthew 6:11; Philippians 3:13

- Take up his cross daily and follow me. It's a daily decision.
- Jesus in his prayer in Matthew 6 said, Give us this day our daily bread.
- The purpose of planning is so that we can best use our time and our efforts today.
- The best way to prepare for the future is by focusing on the moment, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

3 Exhort One Another Every Day

Hebrews 3:7–14; Psalm 95:7–11

- Our spiritual family is a built in way to help avoid a hard heart.
- But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called today, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- Falling away from God is not something that just happens in a moment.
- Too many unfocused today's lead to a life that has drifted from God.
- Who can I go to when I'm struggling? Who can I encourage today?

4 Don't Delay Obedience

Psalm 95:7–8

- What we're not going to do is delay obedience.
- The basic principle is to listen to the voice of God and to not delay obedience, to act now on what you know that you need to do.
- Delaying obedience does not soften the heart. If I know what I need to do and I don't do it, that is sin, James says.
- Our hearts become harder, more stubborn the longer we wait, and the more we put off this call to respond to the voice of God.
- Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your heart.

5 Go Make Disciples Today

Matthew 28

- This year we're going to make an effort to follow Jesus' statement to go make disciples.
- Maybe just smile and be friendly to a stranger today.
- At some point today, I'm gonna find a way to bring God into the conversation.
- The first step is that I need to decide today to be devoted to Jesus personally.
- If we really understand the importance of this moment today that we have, we will want to tell people about Jesus when we have the opportunity.

THE CHALLENGE

Today, if you hear the voice of God and it's speaking to you, and you're realizing you need to do the things of God, don't delay.

MY NOTES