

Awesome Bio!

Scripture: Psalm 102:25-27

Date: March 1, 2021

Message: *But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."*

Hebrews 1: 8-12 (NIV)

It seems that the demand for biographical information has increased in the age of computer technology. LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and other websites ask for biographical information. All of these platforms want users to know with whom they are communicating.

This is a big step change from the days that biographical information was only requested on resumes or curriculum vitae when making an application for school or work.

As I read the Scripture in Hebrews, I realized that Jesus' bio was being provided. What an awesome bio!

"Jesus - Son of God, creator of the earth, sovereignty, unchanging, the message from God, eternal, lover of righteousness, anointed and honored to sit beside God forever and ever."

With a bio like the one set forth in Hebrews, every human should want to communicate with Jesus no matter what platform one is using. God emptied His presence and love into Jesus as a gift to humanity as His ultimate messenger.

Let's accept Jesus' communication in this season of Lent.

Prayer: *Thank you, Father for your ultimate messenger, Jesus. Help us to daily recall that he is your gift to us and our acceptance of His message provides believers eternal life. May we understand his message and forward it to others whom we can contact. Amen.*

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Gotta Have Faith

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3

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Message:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith or ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God. So that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Hebrews 11:1-3

If you are anything like me you might have had a hard time reading this passage without hearing....

Cause I gotta have faith
I gotta have faith
Because I gotta have faith, faith, faith
I got to have faith, faith, faith

The words to "Faith" by George Michael might ring in my ears, but it's safe to say we mean very different things when we reference faith.

What is faith? Paul tells us faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen.

The assurance of things hoped for, now another song comes to mind.... "Blessed Assurance."

Assurance is a positive declaration intended to give confidence, a promise. God, our creator, the creator of all things, loves us, cares for us, and died for us. Is that not the greatest promise?

Notice that Paul further describes faith as the conviction of things unseen.

Conviction a firmly held belief. It's not an old adage to be tossed about lightly. Faith is the conviction that guides my steps so that I may honor the creator who promises to give me life eternal.

Faith is what gives me confidence when the world around me is in chaos.

Faith is the peace I feel in the midst of grief.

Faith is what challenges me to love and serve the world around me.

George Michael may have a different understanding of faith, but he's right. We do "gotta have faith." We "gotta have faith" that leads to understanding. Even though I don't see Him, I know He is in control. He is at work. He is.

Prayer:

Sweet Jesus, today I thank you for words of scripture and sounds of music that have given us the assurance of your love, presence, and promises. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

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