

Better Odds – Session 1

Week of 3-3-19



Introduction

Who is someone you know that is lucky? Maybe they always get out of a ticket, are at the right place at the right time, they win a lot of things, etc.

Watch

Watch "Faith, Hope, and Luck" – Session #1 on Rightnowmedia.com (20 Minutes)

Start with Scripture

Read Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

Make it REAL

1. After hearing about circumstantial faith, look at your life. Would you say your faith depends on your circumstances or do you follow and trust God no matter what? If your faith is not circumstantial when did that change?
2. Many of us have had times God showed up when we needed to, and the video called those times as moments that "launch" our faith. What was a moment where your faith was "launched?" Would you say your faith is only based on these moments? If those moments had not occurred where would you be at in your faith journey?
3. To move from circumstantial faith to a faith rooted solely in Christ we must hold fast to our confession, which is Jesus. To do that you must approach Him. What are some ways you can approach Jesus?
4. Reread verse 16. We are told to approach the throne with boldness. Think back to the previous question and think a step deeper than your initial thought or reaction. How can we approach Jesus with boldness and totally put your faith in Him?

Action steps

Head:

Be bold this week by participating in a Bible reading plan with another Christ-follower. One can easily be found on the Bible app.

Heart:

What do you need to pray for this week so that you can move your faith out of your circumstances and fully lean on Jesus?

Hands:

Do you have a friend who has a faith based on circumstances or an experience? How can you show them how to root their faith in Jesus this week?

Prayer

Take prayer request from your group and spend time praying for each other.