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**Thank you** for joining us for worship today! Please remember to silence your electronic devices before service starts. **Extra Seating** for worship is available in the fellowship hall. The nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left) is open and the service can be viewed in there.

**Women's Fellowship** -- meets this Tuesday, July 11 at 1:00 p.m. If you wish to help support their *Scholarship Fund*, check out the blankets and items donated by the Blanketmakers in the fellowship hall. There are envelopes available for your donation.

**"The Chosen -- Part 3" --** Begins this Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. See the bulletin insert for more information.

**Blooming Faith** -- Saturday morning devotional times at Little Hands Garden this summer. Pick up the schedule in the lobby or go to <u>www.little-handsgarden.com/events</u>.

**Factoryville Christian Church** is looking for a new School Administrator/ Associate Pastor. Contact the school at *factoryvillechristianschool.com* or (269) 729-4203 for more information.

**Church Directory** -- The "summer edition" of the directory is available in the lobby. If you need to make changes or want to be included, please complete a "Connect" card and drop in the offering plate.

### **Financial Update:**

June giving regular collections	\$19007.78
June average attendance (in house)	128
(online)	143



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Ways to Give: Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to <u>bethelgilead.org</u> (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using PayPal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (contact the office).

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Victory in Jesus Call to Worship Announcements and Opening Prayer

Opening Worship: God So Loved

Whom Shall I Fear Living Hope

We Fall Down

# The Sufficiency of Faith

**Introduction:** The Key Question: Is Faith Enough?

What Exactly is Faith?

\*(<u>Hebrews 11:1</u>) Being sure of what you hope for (future) and certain of what you cannot see (invisible)

II. Faith is a basic ingredient in the recipe for Christian living!

\*We are saved through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)

\*We are sanctified by faith (Colossians 2:6-7)

\*We live by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7, Galatians 2:20)

\*We honor God (relate to God) with faith

(Romans 1:17, Hebrews 11:6, Romans 14:23)

\*Our faith (trust in God) grows over time. (Romans 10:17, Jude 20) "Faith, like a muscle, grows with exercise"

III. Is faith in God sufficent to sustain us throughout life?

\*Faith is objective. It depends on its object. (John 20:31)

\*Faith is active, not passive (lames 2:17-19)

\*Faith is obedient. It follows God's lead.

.......Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness (John 8:12)

## **Application**

- I. Do you understand faith and what God is asking of you?
- 2. Is Jesus Christ a worthy object of your trust?
- 3. Are you convinced that faith in God is sufficient to carry you through the toil, the tests and the trials of life?

Closing Song: Victory in Jesus (recap)

### **Our Mission**

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# Prayer Concerns

#### Recent additions

Infant Charli Anae Dules -- difficulty nursing |ill and Russ Siler -- loss of |ill's brother Family of Jonas Rigg Family of Marvin Lindsey Flo Cabrera -- recovery from shoulder surgery Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Kathy Reger and Family -- loss of her mother Family of Gary Lake -- Jeff Lake's father Marcia Lane -- heart concerns Sherry McNees -- heart arrhythmia Nikki Maertin -- strength and recovery after mild stroke

### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Tim McKinley -- treatment for digestive issues de Araujo family -- special needs grandson, Luke The Carpenter Family Dale Davis -- dialysis and gall bladder issues Lisa Franks -- pain management

### Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days