**“2025 By Faith”**

**December 28 – 29, 2024**

**Speaker: Matt Price**

**Opening:** [15 mins] Begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Icebreaker:** “Two Truths and A Lie” – Invite 2 or 3 people say three statements about themselves, with two being true and one being a lie, and the others have to guess which statement is a lie. A fun game to know each other better.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Hebrews 11:1-3, 6 (NLT)** 1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. 2 Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. 3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen... 6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Read the passage. If you have time, read it twice, silently and out loud. As you are reading, think through these questions:

* What is God inviting you to do? Are there any promises in God’s invitation?

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

Matt gave four ways that will help us live by faith in 2025.

1. By Faith we can anticipate power.
2. By Faith, we can anticipate change.
3. By Faith, we can anticipate confidence.
4. By Faith, we can anticipate glory.
* Can you recall a time when you were in a dire or unfamiliar situation that you experienced God’s power because you placed your faith in Him? How did this experience transform you? How did this build your confidence to endure future challenges when you placed your faith in God?
	+ **Encouragement to Group.** We glorify God when we place our faith in Him and when we proclaim or testify to His faithfulness. Let us proclaim God’s faithfulness in 2025 to our family, friends, co-workers, etc.
* What did you learn from the life of William Seymour? William Seymour was used by God to preach the word to what is known as the Azusa Street Revival, considered by many the greatest world-wide movement of evangelism since the church began. A half-blind man born to former slaves in Southern Louisiana, poorly educated, having no college degrees, no magisterial credentials, whose only distinct characteristics were faith and humility—a remarkably humble man with unwavering faith. How will this increase your faith and confidence in God that He will do wonderful things through you?
* Matt shared what William Seymour wrote at the start of a new year in 1907. Matt highlighted this sentence from William Seymour, “We are expecting wonderful things from the Lord for 1907.” Matt closed his message by encouraging us, “We cannot predict much of anything that will happen in the new year, but we can decide to live in 2025 by faith. By faith anticipate power, change, confidence, and glory.”
	+ **Encouragement to the Group.**
		- Let us decide to live in 2025 by faith individually (e.g., as a spouse, as a parent, etc.) and as a group.
		- Let us anticipate “wonderful things from the Lord” in 2025.

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins] – Receive prayer requests. Pray for the group. Pray a prayer of gratitude. Pray for the Kingdom efforts of CA.