

Crazy Love – Study Guide

Chapter 7: Your Best Life . . . Later

The Question

Francis Chan asks many good and thought provoking questions, but there was one question that stood out from all the rest. The question was posed to Francis by his Bible college professor, “What are you doing right now that requires faith?”

When I read that while traveling in Japan, I was moved. What was I doing that really requires faith? Would we have enough faith to move to a different country if God called us? Have we been generous in giving of our time, money, and resources to the point of requiring faith?

I hope you didn’t skim over the question, “What are you doing right now that requires faith?” And I hope you didn’t skim over what the author of Hebrews writes about faith, “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Let us live lives of faith now!

Last Chapter’s Key Thought: Examine my love for Jesus.

Key Thought for This Chapter: Examine my faith in Jesus.

For Your Mind

1. Write down the main point of the chapter.
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2. Define the word “faith” from a Christian perspective. How is God’s definition different from the world’s definition of “faith?” (Hint: Look up Hebrews 11:1)
3. Turn in your Bibles to Hebrews 11. Read verses 7 through 16. There are three people commended for their faith in these verses. Write down what they had to do in faith. Also write down what may have kept them from acting in faith.
 - a. Noah (v. 7):

b. Abraham (vv. 8-10):

c. Sarah (vv. 11-12):

d. Verses 13 and 14. Why were the three individuals above able to do what they were asked to do?

For Your Heart

4. What keeps you from living a life of faith? Take time to really think about this question. To start, think about your motivations, your idols, your desire for control, and your beliefs. Now is the hard part, find verses that teach you how to have God honoring motivations, desires, and beliefs that will help you to live a life of faith.

5. Rather than talking about the sinfulness of owning and buying things, talk about the silliness of the things you own in light of eternal rewards. Make a list of the top 5 things you own. Why are they special?

6. What keeps you from thinking about the needs of your extended family? Friends? Neighbors?

7. Below is a short list of groups of people in need:
 - a. The homeless in Los Angeles
 - b. The lepers in India
 - c. The immigrants in the Los Angeles area
 - d. The 127 million people in Japan almost all, who do not know Jesus Christ
 - e. The rising number of seniors in nursing homes
 - f. The “human trafficking” of children in Thailand

- g. The number of teens getting pregnant leading to abortions
- h. The poverty of millions in Africa due to political oppression, changing environment, AIDS/HIV
- i. The number of drug addicts in Los Angeles
- j. Another group in need . . .
 - i. Pick one group and do some research on this group. What are some of the needs in this group? What could be done about this issue? How is the Christian church involved with this issue? Take time to pray for the people.

For Your Life

8. Take a few moments and answer this question: What am I doing right now that requires faith? Nothing is gained here by trying to sound spiritual or concocting some answer that isn't true. Maybe it helps to break the sentence in half. First, answer: What am I doing right now? Then look at those "right now" things and ask if any of them requires faith.
9. Click onto the website and watch the "chapter 7" video, then look at question 7 and your response, what will you do?
10. "What are you doing right now that requires faith?" Make a list of things that you are doing in faith. Now make a list of three to five things you can commit to doing in faith with regards to giving materially and giving your time.

Challenge for the Week

What of your "silly things" can you give away to someone who is in need? Give it away. No excuses, give something away that you own.