

Sermon Date: Sunday, 17 November 2019

Speakers: Kema Ching'ambu & Natasha Zgambo

Sermon Title: Pressing On, Finishing Strong: Childlike Faith

Key Scripture: Hebrews 11:1

Greetings,

Welcome to this week's Connection Group meeting! The goal of our Connection Group meetings is to provide everyone with a safe and friendly environment that is characterized by **grace, truth, authenticity, and transparency** to enable you to **build relationships** so that you can be known, loved, accepted and challenged. Here, you also learn how to **apply** the Truth from God's word and become more like **Jesus in attitude** and behavior. As you become more like Jesus, you will **give more of yourself** by supporting others in prayer and intentionally reaching out to the lost people with the love of God. Life is Better Connected. Stay Connected.

We continued with the series on "Pressing On, Finishing Strong." This week Kema and Natasha reminded us of how we can continue Pressing On, so we can Finish Strong in a sermon titled "Childlike Faith."

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God bless you!

Pastor Kondwani.

PURPOSE OF CONNECTION GROUPS

Connection Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it all happens:

1. GATHERING with God's people.

"And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works, not abandoning our meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other."

- Hebrews 10:24-25

2. GROWING to be like Christ.

"We proclaim him by instructing and teaching all people with all wisdom so that we may present every person mature in Christ." **- Colossians 1:28**

3. GIVING our lives for God's purpose

"Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship." **- Romans 12:1**

4. GOING into the world.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." **- Matthew 28:19**

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THIS WEEK'S STUDY: PRESSING ON, FINISHING STRONG: CHILDLIKE FAITH

A Getting to Know Each Other

What is the story behind the time you went the longest without sleep?

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Texts: (NKJV) Hebrews 11:1, Matthew 18:1-4, 10:13-15, John 6:5-9 (NIV) and Philippians 3:8-16 (MSG)

1. Our walk with God began with faith and it is faith in God that will help us finish strong. Briefly share with the group a moment you had to believe God for something and he came through. How did that impact your life? **Hebrews 11:1**
2. Kema said "Every newborn believer in Christ is childlike in faith at the outset. The challenge is how to remain childlike in faith once we grow up." **Read Matthew 18:1-4, 10:13-15 (NKJV)**
 - What hinders you from having the "childlike faith" that believes God and does not worry about the circumstances?
 - Childlike faith has an attitude of determination and courageous. How will you ensure you keep this kind of faith especially amid pressure?
3. Natasha said, "Childlike faith presses on towards the goal and trusts the person who promised." **Read Philippians 3:8-16 (MSG)**
 - We heard that the children even though they haven't seen the buildings they believe they will be moving and the buildings will be completed. What inspires you to have childlike faith?
 - What do the buildings we are building mean to you and what impact do they have on your life and that of your family?
4. Children are free to live in the present with no concern for the future. They can focus on the moment because they are not entangled by the complications and distractions of this life. These children trust in the person who promised not in the circumstances at the point of giving. **Read Hebrews 6:12**
 - What are you trusting God to do in your life that the group can stand with you in prayer for as you exercise your "childlike faith?"

C Take Home

The children at Mkids are pressing on amidst change in weather and levels of comfort such as dust, heat, and change in the order of services. i.e. they have had to merge two classes and make them one. None of these things have moved them, they still give, still, pester their parents to give them money because of a deep assurance that they will see and experience the next-gen building.

This perfection is not only the building they will be learning from. It is also the perfection of their souls as they learn the incorruptible word of God that can save their souls.

Why are we building?

- To influence the next generation and to change the trajectory of our nation, these children and youth are the hope of this nation. We as MLFC can be the catalyst for what God can and will do in this nation as we make space for them to hear the gospel and make a decision to follow Jesus. Have "Childlike Faith."