

**October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Faith in the Wild pt. 8: Citizens of Heaven**

In this lesson you will learn three ways to live your life as a citizen of Heaven.

**Intro:** Before we pledge allegiance or claim citizenship to any country, we must recognize and realize that we are first citizens of Heaven. In this crazy, contentious time before our presidential election it is easy to get caught up in the hype and in the drama. As Christians we must not put our hopes or our identity in a political party, but in the solid rock that is Christ. This is not a time where we can pick and choose which parts of the Bible we want to follow or ignore. Wherever Jesus went, he told his followers to count the cost of following Him. It is easy to be a part of the crowds that surrounded Jesus when He worked miracles. It was much harder to follow Jesus to the foot of the Cross at Golgotha.

**I. Build your life on the Foundation of Christ**

- A. Our society is filled with people who build their hopes and their lives on shaky foundations. What takes a person a lifetime to build can be destroyed in one night. Building your life on the foundation of anything other than Christ will result in heartbreak and disappointment. God is the head of the Church, our supreme leader, and our supreme savior. Nobody who is running for public office is the solution for what ails America. Only God is. Place your; hope, trust, confidence, and identity in Christ alone (Psa 62:5-8).

**II. Surrender all to Jesus daily**

- A. In Roman times, the cross was symbol of death. Jesus bids us to come and die. Jesus was telling them to put to death their own plans and desires, and then turn their lives over to him to do His will every day (Luke 9:23). Jesus calls on us to commit our whole lives to Him. The church has been designed for battle. God wants to mobilize his people to accomplish his mission on the Earth. To find your calling, you must forsake your comfort. Salvation is free, but following Jesus will cost you everything.

**III. Live with Biblical convictions at all Times**

- A. God wants us as citizens of Heaven to live in the world, but not of the world (John 17:14,15). Daniel came into Babylon as a captive Hebrew teenager, and by God's grace became a trusted prime minister and counselor to kings of that empire. His consecration to God in the midst of captivity produced true character that held firm in the midst of chaos. Daniel and his friends were anchored in their identity found in God. We have to purpose in our hearts that we are not going to consume the toxicity of our culture. We must stand out and stand up for what believe in no matter the pressure around us.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Have you found yourself building your life on the foundation of family & friends?
2. What does surrendering your all to Jesus daily look like to you?
3. Do your biblical convictions make you stand out from those around you?