

Crazy Love — Study Guide

Chapter: 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?”

I hope you did not 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 God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him”** (Hebrews 11:6 NIV).

May God enable us to live lives of faith now!

Last Chapters 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.

2. Define the word “faith” from a Christian perspective. How is God’s definition of “faith” different from the world’s definition? (Hint: look up Hebrews 11:1 and James 2:17)

3. Do you remember that pastor said faith should be described as a verb and not a noun? Faith is active; it’s faithful obedience. Turn in your Bibles to Hebrews 11. Describe the faithful obedience or how faith was active in the lives of the following individuals.

Able (v. 4)

Enoch (v. 5)

Noah (v. 7)

Abraham (v. 8-12, 17-19)

Moses' Parents (v. 23)

Moses (vv. 24-28)

Think about the others listed in Hebrews 11 and those whom the writer says "I don't have time to tell about" (v. 32). What do the stories of these individuals' lives teach us about faith (notice also vv. 39-40)?

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 motives, 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. Think about the things you own in light of eternal rewards. Make a list of the top 5 things you own. Why are they special? What would it take for you to be willing to give one or all of these things away?
6. Read 1 John 3: 16-18. What keeps you from thinking about the needs of your extended family? your friends? your neighbors? What does this say about your love?

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 an answer that isn't true. Maybe it helps to break the sentence into two parts. First, answer: What am I doing right now? Then look at those "right now" things and ask if any of them requires faith.
9. What things are you doing right now that require faith - anything? Ask God to help you make a list of things that He would want you to do that require faith. What will be the hardest thing for you to do? Ask God to help you develop faithful obedience.

Challenge for the Week

What of your things can you give away to provide for someone who is in need? Are you willing to give it away? No excuses, give something away that you own to provide for someone in need. Think about how this makes you feel.