



Day 7: COURAGE TO KEEP THE FAITH

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-14 (ESV)

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

Observation:

There are times in a man's life when our faith in Christ and God's Will are called into action. We can choose what is best for us personally, or we can stand by our faith in the things of God. Consider this great story.

Eric Liddell's story was depicted in the feature film *Chariots of Fire*. Brought up in China by missionary parents, Liddell kept his faith in God throughout his life. He was completely devoted to God and wanted to use his athletic talents to glorify Him. However, he valued obedience to God more than this. In 1924, Liddell gave up his chance to win an Olympic gold medal in his best event, the 100-meter race. It was more important for him to honor God by not running in those races which were held on Sunday, "The Lord's Day." Later in the competition, he won an Olympic gold medal in the 400-meter race.

No matter how busy he was, Liddell never neglected his daily time with God. Every morning he rose early to pray and read the Bible. A close friend of Liddell's observed that he was "God-controlled" in his thoughts, judgments and actions and not surpassed or equaled in this. He died as a POW in Japanese controlled China in 1945.¹

Application:

- What does it mean to have the courage to live your faith?

¹ CBN. "Author Eric Metaxas Reveals Seven Great Men of God," <http://www1.cbn.com/700club/author-eric-metaxas-reveals-seven-great-men-god> (Accessed October 16, 2017)

- Have you ever chosen God's Will over your own? Describe this choice.
- When was the last time you had the courage to live out your faith? Write about this experience.

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