

## DOCUSERIES: A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Docuseries: television series that follows a particular person or group of people and their involvement in real events & situations over period of time. Tiger King, Last Dance

- HALL OF FAITH real ppl/events (16 named+) – THANK GOD HONESTY

Sibling Rivalry global catastrophe, direction w/o detail, homelessness, infertility, sacrifice, death, trauma, war, unfulfilled expectations **HALLPAIN - faithgod'sW**

**WW: True Bible faith is confident obedience to God's Word in spite of circumstances and consequences.**

**Substance/Confidence** (stand under, support, foundation) faith is to the Christian what a foundation is to a house. **Evidence:** conviction what God has promised he will perform. **Witness:** God evidenced on their behalf

WARNING: lights cockpit – Doubting/Drifting/Departing (**crashing**) - **TODAY**

- DECONSTRUCTION: Systematic evaluation & dismantling of one's beliefs – G/B
  - o AGE OF SCRUTINY (not al hon) – nobility tearing things down

**MP: There is a healthy way to deal with doubt so that you are strengthened in your faith and not weakened.**

## UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF MUTUAL SUPPORT

Cloud of witness – heavenly stadium full of faithful believers endured receive prom.

We all need to be encouraged – INEVITABLY THERE WILL BE A TIME DOUBT

**Doubt does not have to destroy our faith. Doubt handled the right way can deepen your faith. David, Abraham, Moses, Esther, Mary**

- People need a safe place to honest about STRUGGLES – **HERE / NOT NICO shm**
- **WE STADIUM (RAIDERS)** – Lives speak NOT SUCCESS BUT AKN STRUGGLE
  - o LEARN TO LIVE WITH THE MYSTERY - ???
  - o Don't abandon the collective lean into it – FAITH IS STRENGTHENED

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Alone is where we are picked off. There, all by our little self, our mind gets scrambled. Our soul turns cold and hard.**

**Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another.**

## HAVE SOME HONESTY ABOUT THE ELEPHANT IN ROOM

**Sometimes our issue is self-inflicted because we make choices that tear us down spiritually instead of choices that build us up.**

- Origin of our struggle isn't inadequacy w/GOD affections lie elsewhere-**honest**
  - o Easier for *ourselves* to LAY THE BLAME AT SOMEONE ELSE'S FEET
  - o RUN RACE Lay aside every weight and the sin that so **easily** ensnares us
  - o **WE WALK A LOT** – not loading backpack / tie shoes - NO SWEETS

Neutral issue/liberty holding back, defined as sin trapped in its web

**Eph 4:22 Lay aside concerning your former conduct, the old nature which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind**

## SEEK CLARITY CONCERNING THE WAY YOU SEE JESUS

Sometimes we Christians make a mess of the real Jesus. Will the real Jesus please stand Not Calvary Chapel **version**, Baptist, Presbyterian, non-denom version, American **LENSES**: National Treasure – glasses made by BF add lenses see hidden writing – Opposite – we have lenses obscure JESUS – **DON'T HELP/HINDER** Emphasizing a doctrine, focusing human effort, exalting a tradition/method/institution, reductionism (person), hijack Jesus to icon over culture issue, shaping ur view latest fad

- deconstruct those lenses so that **ALL WE SEE IS JESUS – not pas/pd - BIBLE**

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

- JESUS – DO WE MAKE IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO SEE YOU (**all that matters**)

Look: to keep thinking about without having one's attention distracted – **DO THIS**

- **AUTHOR: hero, founder, prince, captain, pioneer – IN ALL THINGS**