

## FAITH AND WITNESS

-Ryan Parsons-

I have been thinking a lot about Hebrews chapter 11 over the last few weeks. I am amazed and challenged that the witness of one's faith lives on past the span of one's life. Even in death, a legacy can cheer on other "runners" and influence the next generation. This week's reading led me to David's praise of God in Psalm 145. He talks about God's greatness and the necessity of witnessing God's goodness to future generations. Even in death, David cheers us on in his praise and witness. Likewise, he challenges us.

Psalm 145

[a] A Song of Praise. Of David.

- 1 I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

In seven verses, David reveals his life's faith focus and mission. The greatness of God is his inspiration/faith focus, and witnessing that greatness to others is his all-consuming mission. Indeed, he was a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22). So again, he inspires us to think and ask ourselves questions.

What is my faith legacy?

Has my faith prompted me to witness God's greatness?

Will my faith witness the greatness of God even after I am gone?

Will my past and present life point people to what God has done?

I thank God for the great cloud of witnesses encouraging me in my journey (Hebrews 12:1).  
How about you?

Peace,  
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