**Sermon Review**

**Date: February 4, 2024**

**Title: The Authenticity and Authority of God**

***Hebrews 11:1-6***

The realness and power of God should never be minimized. In this month of February we honor, acknowledge, recognize, and remember the blessings of God despite the obstacles that have so abundantly come to the native Africans and their descendants in the world and particularly these United States of America. It has been by their faith in God through Jesus Christ that the African American community has survived and thrived to make the accomplishment and contributions to the world. One would dare believe that through all the obstacles that have been put in the path of this one group of people, they should have expired from the world. But it was the cries and prayers of those ancient ancestors, it was their spiritual connectedness to God, their kept them alive. Although many of our African ancestors never saw the blessing that we all want to receive, they refused to give into the evil demonic spirits that so desperately attempted to persuade them to separate themselves from God’s righteous and holy spirit. Their lives took hold and held onto a faith in the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. We too must be as they were when they prayed for the blessings that we now have, but we must continue to be faithful to those that come after us, who will dare to call us ancient as well.

Be Blessed.

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