



SOUTHWEST BELIEVER'S CONVENTION

2022 THEME EXPLANATION

THEME: "Uncommon"

SCRIPTURE:

Hebrews 10:38-39 (TPT)

"And He also says, 'My righteous ones will live from my faith. But if fear holds them back, my soul is not content with them!' But we are certainly not those who are held back by fear and perish; we are among those who have faith and experience true life!"

EXPLANATION:

What makes a generation uncommon? Every generation wants to be unique – to have a marker. Those in the world are marked by the commonalities of the world – fear, lack, spiritual death, and the list goes on. But now more than ever, people are searching for something to believe in. Something that transcends the hopelessness of the world and the darkness that is in it. Yearning for something uncommon.

There is a force that is uncommon to the world. A force that defies conventional reasoning and what is considered normal. A force that removes, receives, and releases. A force that created the universe and moves mountains. This force is the force of faith. This faith is not subject to anything that can be found in the world around it, but is truly the God kind of faith. In a world where it is easier to live by what is seen than by what the Word says, this faith does not draw back or shrink at feeling or circumstance. As Brother Copeland says, "The greatest expression of faith is faith in the Word of God and it's authority alone."

Jesus had the audacity to believe with uncommon faith that he would die, go to hell, and be raised to life again to sit at God's right hand. Likewise, the same uncommon faith that Jesus possessed is available to those who are willing to accept it and put it to work. Yet, many will settle for the common notions of Christianity. Hell is not afraid of sixty minute church services, lukewarm feel good worship, and sermons that are steeped in motivational speech. What makes hell nervous is the corporate anointing that is generated when young people are taught the true, uncompromising Word of faith and put it to action.

It is uncommon for students to understand that they have been given the God kind of faith and authority, and what's more, to understand how to use it to gain victory. Just like

an athlete puts in an uncommon level of work to become a champion, a student who understands how to feed and exercise their faith will see the impossible take place. Champions are uncommon. Conquerors are uncommon. Leaders, creatives, and trailblazers are uncommon. And so are those who live by faith.

Those who live by faith are set apart – passionate for Jesus, in love with the Word, and unafraid to look and sound different than those around them. They have overcome the fear of rejection, the fear of looking different, and the fear of being labeled as strange. Those who live by faith have the audacity to believe the Word. The audacity to let the buck stop with what His Word says. Those who live by faith have unlocked the key to victory in every area of life. The one who possesses this faith, has tapped into the very same faith that was on the inside of Jesus when He walked the earth.

Something that is uncommon has great value, and this faith is uncommon. Uncommon people get uncommon results, and we are uncommon. Being different in this generation is uncommon. Are you ready to be uncommon?