

## **Balcony People: Hebrews 11, 12:1-4**

Sermon Outline by Bob Young

### **Introduction**

- Joyce Landorf (*Balcony People*) says there are two kinds of people: basement people and balcony people.
- An interesting example of balcony people is in the early verses of Hebrews 12.
- All of us know basement people, but such people seldom make any mark in history.
- Do you recognize these names: Palti, Igal, Sethur, Nahbi (prophet), Geuel, Ammiel, Gaddi, Shaphat, Shammua, Oshea (Joshua), Gaddiel, Caleb? These were the 12 spies. Some of the original basement people. "We cannot do it; we are too weak; we are too small."
- Do you know that many parents are basement people to their children? (Dorothy Briggs, *Your Child's Self-Esteem*)
- All of us have known basement people.

### **Let us strive to become balcony people for others**

A good goal is to be a balcony person. History is filled with balcony people, for these are the ones who make their mark. Alan McGinnis (*Bringing Out the Best in People*) mentions Churchill and Lombardi, among others. One of my favorite examples is from *Man of La Mancha*, the story of Don Quixote and Dulcinea.

### **Let us appreciate balcony people in our lives**

How we need encouragement from balcony people!

People like.... Joshua and Caleb

Moses

Gideon

The list of faith heroes in Hebrews 11

The admonition and example of Hebrews 12

Paul's encouragement to go higher, Phil. 3

### **My favorite balcony person is Jesus**

One can see this concept in many events of his life. For this lesson, consider Luke 5. Jesus was a balcony person to....

Peter

Leper

Palsied

Matthew Levi

### **Invitation**

Jesus wants to be your balcony person. He believes in you, wants you to be his.

He wants us to be that kind of people to others.

This is the uniqueness of God's family.