



TWCC Sermon Connection Handout

Sunday, December 1st, 2019

Sermon Series: FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

Sermon Title: Committing to the Walk and Fight of Faith

Opening Scripture Text: 1 John 5:1 - 5 (KJV) – *“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. ⁴For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”*

- Faith is our _____! The experience of _____ is done through the exercise of our _____ in God.
- To _____ in victory, to _____ in victory to undergo a _____ from our adversary and come out victorious is the byproduct our active, consistent and confident expression of _____ in God, in the finished work of Jesus Christ our Lord and in God's Word.
 - **Overcometh** (Greek = *nikos*) – to conquer; to carry off the victory; to come off victorious.
 - **World** (Greek = *kosmos*) – anything Satan (the god of this world) ever attempts to throw at us; an ordered system of such things as society, culture, government, economics, nature and even science.
- **As we prepare our hearts and minds to receive Communion today, we are charged to reestablish our _____ to WALK by faith, to LIVE a life of faith and to FIGHT the good fight of faith as we close 2019 and transition into 2020 by the Will and grace of God.**

WHY FAITH?

Romans 1:17 (NKJV) - *“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”*

- **Read Galatians 3:11 (NKJV); Hebrews 10:38 (NKJV) and 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)**
- Faith is not a doctrinal position or a movement. Faith is a way of life.
- **1st Big Why? - FAITH IS HOW OUR FATHER _____.**
 - He doesn't function through or by fear or unbelief. We can be confident or hesitant in our trust and reliance and belief in Him and His Word – it is our choice to believe God or to believe what you see or feel.
- **Hebrews 11:5 – 6 (NKJV)** - *“By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

- **2nd Big Why? - FAITH IS WHAT _____ OUR FATHER GOD.**
- God is not pleased when we are not _____, and He is not pleased when we are not _____.
- We should allow the Word of God to reshape us so that everything we do is _____ faith, _____ faith and _____ faith.
- **Read Galatians 2:16, 20 - 21 (NKJV)**
- If we don't live by _____ it frustrates the grace of God. (**Read Ephesians 2:8; Romans 5:1 (NKJV)**)
 - Grace is _____ that God has given. What frustrates a Giver? Not receiving the gifts that have been given.
- ***Everything God does is by faith, and His interaction with us is by faith. When you have more faith reading the Word, you get more out of it. When you speak the Word of God, with more faith, you release more power. We are to imitate our Father God, and our Father God functions and operates by _____.*** He never makes decisions from sensory perceptions. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)**
- Living by faith doesn't involve quitting. "I'm going to LIVE faith, TALK faith and WALK faith!"
 - **GRACE** = all that God has given; **FAITH** = is how we get and receive what God has given
- **Read Romans 5:2 (NKJV) and Ephesians 3:12 (NKJV)**
- **3rd Why? - FAITH GIVES _____ TO WHAT GRACE HAS GIVEN.**

WHAT IS FAITH?

- **Read Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) and (AMPC)** *When you have FAITH: you are convinced and assured of it, you are persuaded of it and you trust in it.*
- ***When we do trust God we HONOR Him and GLORIFY Him; when we doubt God we DISHONOR Him and magnify the devil and the problem.***
- **Faith is: persuasion; being persuaded; being convinced; being assured of.**
- **Read James 1:5-8 (NKJV)**
 - **Asking in _____ is asking being persuaded; it is asking being sure AND assured of!**
 - We've got to become _____: Overcoming doubt, fear and unbelief.
 - Our _____ is the lack of wavering. Our _____ is a result of wavering, vacillating and wobbling and not be persuaded.
- **Hebrews 10:23 (KJV)** - "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised:)"

COMMIT TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH!

- We are here to learn how to: walk by faith, talk by faith and respond by faith - in other words, we do things like God does it - by FAITH!
- **1 Timothy 5:12 (NKJV)** - "***Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.***"
- The **only** option to _____ fighting the good fight of faith is to be **destroyed** and **defeated**.
- Living by FAITH entails and involves _____. If you're not _____ you may not be in FAITH.
- **2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)** - "***I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.***"
- **1 John 5:4 (KJV)** - "***For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.***"