



TWCC Sermon Connection Handout Outline

Sunday, December 29th, 2019

Sermon Series: FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

Sermon Title: Fighting the Good Fight of Faith with Contentment and Confession

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. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. ⁴ For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

- We shared before that Faith is our _____/The experience of _____ is done through the exercise of our _____ in God.
- **2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)** – *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."*
- Faith is not a doctrinal position or a movement. Faith is a way of life. It is the way we are supposed to _____ as born-again believer and Christ follower.

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 _____!
- **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 _____ and _____.
- The big **CHOICES** are: (1) To _____ in the Lord and (2) to _____ (hold fast) your CONFESSION of FAITH.
- To reiterate the point, living by FAITH entails and involves _____. **2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)** – *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."*
- We _____ to overcome our (1) **FEARS** (2) our **DOUBTS** (3) any **UNBELIEF** or (4) **DISOBEDIENCE** when it comes to our Father God's Will and Work in our lives; acknowledging and accessing WHO we are in Christ and WHAT we possess in Him and acting obediently as ordered upon His Holy Word. And, we _____ to get, stay and stand in _____ during the *troubling, trying, tense, transitional* and *turbulent* seasons and situations of our lives.
- If there is a **FIGHT** to faith, then there must be enemies or _____ to faith.
- **Romans 10:17 (KJV)** – *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."*
- A lack of knowledge will _____ us and hold us in bondage because we cannot ACT upon God's Word beyond actual knowledge of God's Word. **IF YOUR FAITH IS NOT GROWING, THEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORD IS NOT GROWING!**
- **HINDERANCE #1: LACK OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE NEW _____**

- The first hinderance to faith is lack of understanding of what it means to be a new creation (creature) in Christ, or a lack of understanding of what the new creation means.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** – *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”*
- **HINDERANCE #2: LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF OUR _____ IN CHRIST.**
- The second hinderance to faith is a lack of understanding of our place in Christ and of Christ's place in our lives. For example, read **1 John 4:4 (NKJV)** and **Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)** and **Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)**.
- We have to walk in the light of what we possess as a believer since the day and time of our being born again.
- It is really sad that a person can be a Christian for so long and not really walk in the light of what he or she has _____ CHRIST. If he doesn't have an understanding of what he or she has in Christ and Who Christ is in his or her life, his or her faith will be _____.
- **HINDERANCE #3: LACK OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING OUR _____.**
- The third hinderance to faith is a lack of understanding of righteousness – what it is and what it gives to the believer. A lack of understanding of righteousness holds more people in bondage than anything else.
- **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)** and **James 5:16 (NKJV)** and **1 John 1:9 (NKJV)**
- As God's Righteousness we are to and should _____ the bountiful fullness of God.
- **HINDERANCE #4: LACK OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING OUR RIGHT TO USE THE NAME OF _____.**
- The fourth hinderance to faith is the lack of understanding of our privilege and right to use the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We are encouraged to _____ the Name of Jesus in _____ or in CLAIMING or COMMANDING or COMBATTING the needed or negative subjects in our life.

THE PEACE OF CONTENTMENT:

Read Philippians 4:9 – 13 (NKJV) After thanking the Philippians for their love offering, Paul teaches how to live free from the _____ of external circumstances.

- Real Christian _____ comes through: (1) The _____ of God who **support** each other (*“...your care for me has flourished...”*); and (2) Through the _____ of God that **strengthens** a person. (**Read Galatians 6:6 – 10**).
- Paul's life and words demonstrate that contentment *“...everywhere and in all things...”* is (1st) a _____ behavior; (2nd) is not dependent on _____ (3rd) a state of _____, not doing (*“...be content”*) and (4th) is based in the riches of _____.
- _____ is a MINDSET, cultivated by continually resisting the discontented spirit and attitude of this age; it is not happenstance. **CONTENTMENT** is not a attitude or a mood.
- *The Greek word for **CONTENTMENT** is also translated “satisfied, adequate, competent, or sufficient”. It is BEING “inwardly sufficient and without covetousness”.*

THE FIGHT TO STAY CONTENT AND MAINTAIN YOUR FAITH CONFESSION:

- (**Read 1 Timothy 6:3 – 19 (KJV)**)
- **(#1) – THE FIGHT to BE and STAY _____! (Read 1 Timothy 6:6, 8 (KJV))**
- **(#2) – THE FIGHT to MAINTAIN a GOOD _____!**
- **Hebrews 10:23 (KJV)** – *“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)”*
- **2 Timothy 1:13 (NKJV)** – *“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”*
- **Hebrews 4:14 (NKJV)** – *“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”*