



Sunday, September 6th, 2020

New Sermon Series: "Looking Ahead"

TWCC Sermon Connection Outline and Notes: "Moving Forward in the Spirit of Faith"

Proverbs 4:18 (KJV) - "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

- The _____ for the Believer is supposed to get brighter and brighter, not darker, and more confusing. In other words, our _____ progress in the Lord and in the things of God are to become more clearer, and clearer until we have full _____ of the _____, _____ and _____ of God in our respective lives. The things of God are not to become more _____, _____ or _____ in your heart and soul.
- If you feel like you've been spinning your wheels or going _____, that's not the Will of God.
- If you're going to experience _____ or have a _____, there's only one way to get it - by going _____, 'Looking Forward' and 'Moving Forward in the Spirit of Faith'.
- **Read Jeremiah 7:23 - 24 (KJV)** This has always been the problem - people get hardheaded and hard hearted.
- **Read Hebrews 3:12 - 13 (NKJV)**
- The Israelites were guilty of _____ from the living God because they _____ to: (1) _____ His promises and (2) _____ by faith.
- **Beware** = means "to see, watch, look out for." We as born-again Believers and Christ-followers are to be on guard lest they be overtaken by the _____ of an unbelieving heart - a disobedient and rebellious heart. _____ always deceives! It takes you further than you wanted to go; it keeps you longer than you wanted to stay; and it costs you more than you wanted to pay.
- **Luke 9:62 (NKJV)** - "But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God'." We are to make _____ not _____ to our Lord and to our true spiritual leaders in the Lord.
- The Kingdom of God is not "me first" but "Kingdom first". **IF YOU'RE NOT _____ YOU'RE NOT FIT!**
- Plowing and _____ back makes you _____. If we don't see the _____ to serve, and sow our time, talent, treasure and testimony and get _____ by the Lord to minister and serve even just to one person - if we don't value it, then we don't _____ for it. We are _____.

MOVING FORWARD IN THE SPIRIT OF FAITH:

2 Timothy 1:6 - 7 (NKJV) - "6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

- _____ usually enters in when a person focuses on his or her _____ and _____ rather than on God's great power and attributes. Following _____ to its logical conclusion will obliterate all _____ for _____. In other words, it go back from our first faith and go

away from the Spirit of Faith, we extinguish and eliminate the fire of the Holy Spirit that spurs us to _____ up and _____ out and _____ in God and the things of God.

- But recalling and rekindling one's spiritual heritage and friendships, as well as God's _____ and _____, can spur Christian's _____. To stir up means to rekindle or reignite a _____.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NKJV)** - "Do not quench the Spirit." To **quench the Spirit** means to dampen or put out the fire of the Holy Spirit. It means to muzzle, extinguish or "cut off the flow".
- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:7 - 9, 13 - 18 (NKJV)**
- Dear friends, the Lord shines brightest through those who have been _____ and have humbly and willingly _____ themselves to His _____ and to His _____. Becoming a Christian does not mean _____ and _____ end; indeed, trouble and trials intensify. (**Romans 8:17 (NLT)** - "And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.")
- Our Father God faithfully _____ His own from ultimate defeat, securing them in eternal salvation through Christ.
- **Knocked Down but not Knocked Out: 2 Corinthians 4:7 - 9 (TPT)** - ""We are like common clay jars that carry this glorious treasure within, so that the extraordinary overflow of power will be seen as God's, not ours. Though we experience every kind of pressure, we're not crushed. At times we don't know what to do, but quitting is not an option. We are persecuted by others, but God has not forsaken us. **We may be knocked down, but not out.**"
- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 18 (TPT)**
- There might be a lot of things different about us, but we the same things in Christ in common.
 - The Spirit of Faith contains big _____: (1) _____ and (2) _____.
 - _____ is our _____ of Faith. _____ is our initial _____ of Faith.
 - The principles of _____ are _____ but the spirit of **FAITH** must be _____.
- **Some Truths to Learn and Receive about the Characteristics of the SPIRIT OF FAITH:**
- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____
- (6) _____
- (7) _____
 - Like blind Bartemaeus, he didn't have sight, but he had a _____; and he used what he had (a voice) to _____ what he lacked.
 - We have to _____ the God-kind of Faith we _____ to secure what we _____ or _____!
- (8) _____
- (9) _____
- (10) _____
- **Read Psalms 18:28 - 30 (TPT)**
- (11) _____
- (12) _____
- **WE HAVE PRESENT POSSESSION AND WE RENEW IT EVERY DAY! YOUR BELIEF SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST - GIVE A VOICE TO YOUR FAITH.**