



Sunday, October 18th, 2020
Sermon Series: "The Spirit of Faith"
TWCC Sermon Connection Outline: "Faith as a SHIELD"

2 Corinthians 4:13 (KJV) - "We having **the same spirit of faith**, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

- Notice here that the Apostle Paul, didn't just say 'I have it', but 'We have it'. He quotes from David the king... **Psalms 116:10 (KJV)** - "I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted."

TWO NECESSARY INGREDIENTS OF THE SPIRIT OF FAITH:

2 Corinthians 4:13 (NLT) - "But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke."

- Paul, by the Holy Spirit, gives us two necessary ingredients to the spirit of faith: **(1)** _____ and **(2)** _____.
 - The door to the Supernatural swings on these two hinges: _____ and _____.
- **Even in the middle of adversity, your _____ will get you to your destination.** Your _____ will bring the manifestation of healing and deliverance. Your _____ will make you whole and keep you whole!
- **1 John 5:4 (NLT)** - "For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith." Your _____ level determines your _____ level!
- Friend, God will get you to your destination, your deliverance, and your new territories if you _____ a spirit of faith.
- **WHEN I BELIEVE AND I SPEAK IT OPENS THE DOOR TO THE SUPERNATURAL; AND WHEN I BELIEVE AND WHEN I SPEAK THE SPIRIT OF FAITH IS WORKING!**

FAITH AS A SHIELD

Read Ephesians 6:10 - 18 (NKJV)

- First, notice the two _____ and _____ for us to win this _____ that the enemy hurls at us:
- **1st Directive** - Be _____ in the Lord and in the _____ of HIS MIGHT! = (*Spiritual Action*)
- **2nd Directive** - **PUT ON the** _____! = (*Soul Action*)
- WHY?... **(1st)** That we may be able to _____ against the wiles, devices, and deception of the devil! And **(2nd)** We are not to be ignorant of the devil's devices (mind games; tricks) (**2 Corinthians 2:11(NKJV)** - "lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.")
- _____ = (Greek - *endunamoo*) - an empowering or an inner strengthening. It conveys the ideas of being infused with an excessive dose of dynamic inner strength and ability. The word portrays a power that is being deposited into something.
 - We are specially designed by God to be the receptacles for His Divine Power!
 - The Greek tense used in **Ephesians 6:10** is the "*present passive imperative*". - This means the Holy Spirit was not simply suggesting that we receive this power; the Holy Spirit is commanding us to receive it and receive it as soon as possible

- The Spirit's strong, authoritative appeal: – “Be infused with supernatural strength and ability” – “Be empowered with this special touch of God’s strength” – “You must receive this inner strengthening!”
- WHY? – Because He knew that we need to receive this _____ before our engagement with unseen forces commences. Without the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit operating in us, not one of us can ever be a match against Satan schemes or devices.
 - Where does this spiritual _____ and _____ take place? Between our ears; in our _____.
 - This explains why our _____ as a _____ is so, so vitally important. Because with your _____ up as a _____ you are empowered and enables to _____ all the flaming missiles and fiery darts of the devil and demons. **Because if the devil can defeat you in the mind, he can defeat you!**
 - Where the mind goes, the man or woman follows. Thoughts precede action! And, our _____ are controlled by our thoughts, not by circumstances.
 - **WITH YOUR FAITH SHIELD UP, NOTHING THE DEVIL THROWS AT YOU WILL _____ TO YOU OR _____ YOU!**
- _____ = (Greek - *kratos* - “demonstrated power”; demonstrative, eruptive, & tangible) – Resurrection power! (**Read Ephesians 1:19, 20 (NKJV)**)
 - **Kratos** power refers to the strongest flow of power that exists in the entire universe.
 - This power comes to enable us to accomplish some type of superhuman task.
- **WINNING THE BATTLE OF THE MIND:** Our “Armor” is not made out of metal, but rather knowledge. **“It is only when the information on the pages of God’s Word become real that it will change your life. A scarcity mindset destroys perspective, an abundant mindset empowers perspective!” A _____ mindset steeped in religion, religious rules, man-made tradition and legalism keeps your _____ broken, and your thoughts confused and chaotic.** A _____ mindset of _____, expectancy and _____ keeps your _____ clear and confident in the Lord’s _____ and _____ Power.
- Whatever you think about _____! Whatever you _____ about you _____ about. **_____ follows your _____!**
- Don’t _____ on what you’re going _____ but what you’re going _____! This is a big _____!
- **Our Enemy puts up ROADBLOCKS to our RECEIVING.** (Thoughts, Ideas and Suggestions):
 - _____ - Lies, Deceptions, Delusions
 - _____ - No Knowledge and Lack of Knowledge (**Read Hosea 4:6 (KJV); Isaiah 5:13 (KJV)**).
 - _____ - Idle, Negligent and Slothful
 - _____ - a false or inaccurate perception (Perception = a mental image, concept) - you don’t have _____, instead a skewed, blurry and marred _____.
 - _____ - Error, false truths; wrong beliefs producing wrong behaviors.
- So where do we begin? **(1st)** - _____ - **Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV) and (AMPC)** - “EVERY high thing; EVERY THOUGHT” - **Read 1 Peter 5:7-9 (KJV)** - Deal, vigilantly with “EVERY Care” **(2nd)** - _____ - **Read Ephesians 6:16 (KJV)** and **(3rd)** - _____ - **Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV)**