



Sunday, November 15th, 2020

Sermon Series: "The Spirit of Faith"

TWCC Sermon Connection Outline: "Faith as a SEER"

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 affliction."
- But the Spirit of _____ is not for people who don't want to do _____!
- The Spirit of _____ is for people who dare to believe God in the face of _____, _____ and _____.
- As we shared last week the _____ will announce the outcome in the middle of _____.
- **Acts 27:25 (NKJV)** - "Therefore take heart, men, **for I believe God that it will be** just as it was told me." - In the midst of a killer _____ storm Paul announced the outcome of the storm.
- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:8 - 10 (NLT)** - In the midst of _____ and _____ the Spirit of Faith declares its _____ and _____ with Bible-based _____. But let's take it further this week with another aspect and facet of _____. Faith as a _____. In other words, _____ and _____ does our faith _____? Do we have clear faith _____ and faith-filled _____?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 18 (NLT)**
- As we shared in the previous weeks, the Spirit of Faith will function and deploy as a: **(1)** _____, **(2)** as a _____, **(3)** as a _____, **(4)** as a _____ and **(5)** _____. Today we want to emphasize the point of Faith as a _____. When we walk and live by _____, we _____ at things and there are things we are not to _____ at. **Two big questions or thoughts we need to reflect on and receive today?**

WHAT IS OUR FAITH FOCUSED ON? IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT IS OUR FAITH SEEING?

Read Philippians 3:1 - 14 (KJV)

- The Christian believer who longs to finish well will cultivate: **(1) the discipline of** _____ - (striving for the single goal [the one thing] until its completion, undeterred by obstacles or the taunts of the crowd; **(2) the discipline of** _____ - refusing to be paralyzed or rendered complacent by the past; and **(3) the discipline of** _____ - intensely pursuing the calling of the Christian life until victory has been won. _____ because... **FOCUS IS A CHOICE!** "...this one thing I do..."
- **Paul got to where he was because he focused on the goal in faith. He didn't just wander around without any plan or purpose. His eye was focused.**
- Do not let the battle make you lose _____, of where you are going and what you are supposed to be doing. **1 Corinthians 7:20, 24 (NKJV)** - "20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. 24 Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called."
- Stay where God places you. And stay _____ and _____ where God has placed you!

- The Lord Jesus said in **Matthew 6:22 (KJV)** - "... if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."
- Stay in your lane! Stay on your mission and keep the main thing the main thing in your life!
- **HOW SUCCESSFUL YOU BECOME IN LIFE, WILL BE DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH YOU STAY FOCUSED, WHERE YOU BELONG. IF YOU ARE NOT FUTURISTIC IN YOUR APPROACH, YOU CANNOT EARN A FUTURE!** Simply put, **WHO** and **WHAT** are you **FOCUSED** on or **LOOKING** at?

DON'T GO BLIND!

- The 2nd Big point of truth I want you to take away today is that your _____ as a _____ must stay _____! Your Faith _____ must not go _____ or get _____ especially during these days and times.
 - **Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)** - ""Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."
 - **Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)** - ""Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law."
 - **Proverbs 29:18 (NLT)** - ""When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful."
 - **Proverbs 29:18 (AMPC)** - ""Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]-blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he. [I Sam. 3:1; Amos 8:11, 12.]"
 - **Proverbs 29:18 (MSG)** - "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed."
- **VISION** = acts like a compass; gives significance to meaningless details in our lives; our focus is on a preferred future; it brings order to chaos; it brings your world into focus; it is the best motivator; when you lose sight of what matters - you lose your motivation.
- Vision is like the headlights on a car - the further you go the farther you see. Vision is adjustable and expandable. In other words, God's _____ and _____ in us - expands, enlarges and extends our Faith's _____.
 - **Three A's of Vision:** **(1)** _____ - the ability to see. **(2)** _____ - a determined and decisive attitude to believe and trust God. **(3)** _____ - Vision has the courage to do. It's a dream set on fire!
 - **Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV)** - "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.*" Personal Ambition is Satan's counterfeit to fuel personal success and personal satisfaction outside of God's grace, help and strength!
 - **Read Mark 10:46 - 52 (KJV)**
 - **When You Lose Your Faith SIGHT and Vision Three Things Happens:**
 - #1) - We are Sidelined and Sidetracked in life.
 - #2) - We rely on the _____ and _____ of Others for Direction
 - #3) - You become defined by your _____ rather than your _____.
 - Vision loss and lack of SEEING with your Faith typically is caused by three things in a form of a questions: (1) What SIN, or what LIE or what WOUND keeps you from enjoying Jesus? (2) What SIN, LIE or WOUND keeps you from enjoying your JOURNEY? (3) What keeps you from ENGAGING fully in your JOB?