



Sunday, May 16th, 2021

Series: "Living by Faith"

TWCC Sermon Connection Outline: "Exceedingly Growing Faith"

Read Romans 3:25 - 31 (NKJV)

Romans 1:16 - 17 (NKJV) - "16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed **from faith to faith**; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

- We've seen by reviewing these verses that _____ is: **(1)** A Spiritual _____, and faith also incrementally can increase to different **(2)** _____ and degrees; and **(3)** ultimately Faith is a _____ and the way we are to _____ with and for our Lord. Therefore, it is important to KNOW and UNDERSTAND to principles of the _____ **of FAITH** and _____ by faith in order to grow and go to the next level or degrees. Our _____ needs to be and should be growing and flourishing! (Reference Mark 11:22 - 26)

Hebrews 11:1 - 3 (NKJV) - "Now **faith is** the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 **By faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

- **(AMPC)** - "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."
- We see the definition of _____ in this Verse.
- _____ is not based on FEELINGS, natural circumstantial FACTS, or FIGURES (overwhelming odds). _____ is based on the TRUTH-revealing the Word of God. _____ is our expression of confidence in God and His Word. _____ is our unquestioning belief in _____. **Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)** - "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."
- Real Faith _____ from God and knows how to _____ the wicked lies, deceitful fears of the devil!
- God is pleased when we His beloved children are _____ and are _____ the troubles, trials, tribulations, and temptations of the enemy.
- **How we can look at our Faith: (1)** How well we _____ (Take) the Promises and Prophecies given or spoken over/to us? [**NOTE:** Three Characteristics of a Faith Man or Women is that they are: (1st) Quick to Forgive - because our Faith won't work if we don't forgive; and our Faith will never outgrow our Forgiveness; (2nd) Quick to Repent and make changes and choices that bring life and not death to our heart, home, habits, etc.; and (3rd) Quick to Believe the Best of Everyone or in Everything]. **(2)** How often do we _____ (Thanksgiving and Praise) when we've released our Faith in God or are waiting for the full manifestation of the thing(s) we are trusting and believing God for? **(3)** How effectively do you _____ and **refuse** the fearful, doubtful, and deadly thoughts, ideas, and suggestions of the devil, demons, evil spirits, or wicked/evil/unwitting people that try to talk you out of faith into fear or frustration?

WE CAN ENLARGE OUR CAPACITY TO RECEIVE

Isaiah 54:2 - 3 (AMPC) - "2 Enlarge the place of your tent and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; spare not; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes, 3 For you will spread abroad to the right hand and to the left; and your offspring will possess the nations and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

- David Barton once said “God loves to communicate His absolute, limitless goodness to all. The only things that limit Him from imparting His goodness to any human being is that person’s capacity to receive.”
- We each and we all have a GREATER FAITH _____ that has remained untouched, underutilized, and underdeveloped. **There is so much more than what we have received and overcome up till now!**
- Spiritually, there are no _____ to what we can do or have. **Mark 11:23 (NKJV)** - “For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever** says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and **does not doubt** in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he **will have whatever** he says.”
 - This profound and powerful truth of Scripture tells us that when we eliminate all DOUBT in our heart, then we will _____ **(1)** without _____ and **(2)** without _____.
- So how do we break through the limits and enlarge our faith capacity? (**Read Proverbs 4:20 - 22**) This is the Biblical Principle of Total Immersion. Total Immersion helps to step up our faith to:
 - (1) Break off some chokeholds on your capacity to believe and trust God and receive from God!
 - (2) Conquer the limitations that is negative stronghold of thinking about the things of God!
 - Gloria Copeland said it this way “Don’t meditate on the Need. Meditate on the Word for the things you need to Receive!”

THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH STEPPED UP THEIR FAITH AND WE CAN TOO!

- **Paul’s Faith Challenge: 1 Thessalonians 3:10 (AMPC)** - “[And we] continue to pray especially *and* with most intense earnestness night and day that we may see you face to face and mend *and* make good **whatever may be imperfect and lacking in your faith.**”
- **(NLT)** - “Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to **fill the gaps in your faith.**”
- They were limited in their _____ and needed to come up to the next level. Paul knew, by the Holy Spirit, exactly what to do to break through their limitation. He had a strategic plan to help them enlarge their faith _____.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 - 4 (NKJV) - “³We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because **your faith grows exceedingly**, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure.”

- It only took two months for their _____ capacity to go to a new level. It took spiritual _____ and EXERCISE. **Through strategic training our faith capacity can enlarge.**
- What happens with your faith **GROWS?** (**1st**) Satan’s or Demonic Influence in and over your life _____; (**2nd**) The Circumstances and Challenges of your life become less and less _____; and (**3rd**) The paralyzing, poisonous, insidious, and imprisoning _____ and the phobias that you learned and acquired get dismantled, diminished and _____ in your life.
- **It is time for us to break through the poverty, lack, limited chokehold, and negative strongholds and move up to a new level of faith!**
- You and I just can’t _____ God Back! (**Reference Numbers 13**) - **The Ten Spies Limited God**
 - Verses 1 - 3 - Men were sent to search the land of Canaan.
 - Verses 25 - 28 - It was a good land, BUT... (the ten spies brought up an _____ REPORT).
 - Verses 30 - 31 - Caleb was ready to take the land.
- **Hebrews 3:19 (NKJV)** - “So we see that they could enter in because of unbelief.”
- **Psalms 78:41 (NKJV)** - “They turned back and tempted God and limited the Holy One of Israel.”