

Lesson for Sunday, July 24, 2022

"THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING"
(A Contrast in Behavior)

SET FREE TO LIVE A COMMITTED FAITH

LESSON OUTLINE

"Now FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1)

"Fight the good fight of FAITH." (I Timothy 6:13)

"Earnestly contend for the FAITH..." (Jude 3)

I. Clouds/Fire In Your Life

Old Testament

Job 14:1
Isaiah 43:2
Exodus 13:20
Exodus 14:1-4

New Testament

James 1:2
Jude 3
I Timothy 6:12
James 1:2
St. John 14:5

II. What is Faith?

Job 23:8-10
Habakkuk 3:16-19
Daniel 3:17
Exodus 14:31
II Chronicles 20:17-19

Hebrews 11:1-6
Galatians 5:6
II Cor. 4:18
St. Mark 5:22-24
St. Mark 5:34-41

III. Your Faith - Pre or Post?

Exodus 14:31
II Chronicles 20:17-19

Hebrews 10:38

Habakkuk 2:4

Romans 1:17

Galatians 3:11

II Cor. 5:7

Hebrews 11:36-39

Romans 8:28

Questions To Consider

1. What is "NOW" Faith?
2. Talk about Faith not being the result of "sight" and what happens if you walk by "sight" and not by "Faith."
3. How do trials in life increase your faith?
4. How do you "fight" or 'contend" for the faith - and what does this mean?
5. Talk about the difference between a Christian and a non-Christian as trials are encountered.
6. As believers, do we use the resources which our Father has made available? Why or why not?
7. Do you believe that God will lead you into a rough place for His Glory?
8. Talk about the different perceptions of faith using the woman with the issue and the ruler of the synagogue.
9. What does the statement "Faith is never passive - Faith is action" mean to you?
10. Talk about the Objective Word and how it becomes subjective in your life.
11. Talk about pre-Faith and post-Faith and how post-Faith can strengthen your pre-Faith.

SisStar Applications

1. You have been given a measure of faith by our Lord, but it is up to you to increase your faith by hearing the Word and applying it to your life.
2. Faith will never be activated if you don't allow the Holy Spirit within to empower you to be faithful to what you believe.
3. Faith is not a result of what you see, but Faith is the result of your trust in the object of your Faith.
4. Things which you see are passing away - but the Word of God will never pass away. This is the basis of your Faith
5. Know that no matter what your level of faith, there will be issues in your life but know that you have that anchor that will keep you steadfast and you will be able to be serious and purposeful about your Faith.
6. Your Faith has to be added to so that it will increase steadily. Read II Peter 1:5-8.
7. Recognize that no matter what trials you may experience, there is always that Divine Presence and Guide in the Person of the Holy Spirit to give you that sense of confident expectation.
8. If you believe the Word of God, then your life will begin to reflect what you believe. That is what Faith is all about.
9. Faith is never passive - but Faith causes you to live what Faith is declaring.
10. Faith is commitment to the Object of your Faith - the Lord Jesus Christ.
11. Faith is living an alternative lifestyle that is totally opposed to the standards of the world. This lifestyle becomes habitual the more you live it.
12. Faith is always "Now." You can't use yesterday's Faith for today's challenges, but you can build on yesterday's Faith.