## Big Isaac Community Church

**Teaching Ministry** 

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Faith and Trust

Acts 9: 36 - 42

As believers, not only are we to encourage one other to remain steadfast in our life in Christ, but we are also to take responsibility in the physical and spiritual well-being of others, for God works through those, who will by faith believing submit wholly and completely unto him, those who rely upon his strength and his power, to bring about the eternal outcome that he has in store for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2: 9,....as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him....

As believers, when problems arise in our life we confront those problems in one of two ways. Either with human wisdom, or with the wisdom of God. Human wisdom is based upon how we observe things through our worldly emotions, and then we try to work things out through human logic and reasoning. The problem with human wisdom is that it has no way of accessing the wisdom of God. Now, Gods wisdom, which comes through much prayer, and through knowledge of his word, is revealed unto us by the Holy Spirit of God, which dwells within us, and we begin to understand his wisdom, by faith, when we believe and trust in him for the outcome. Without faith believing, Gods wisdom remains a secret and hidden from us. Gods' wisdom was established before time as we know it and was revealed and made possible unto us through the sacrifice of his Son, who made it possible so that everyone who would believe, would have the ability to share in his glory forever.

This was first prophesied in:

**Isaiah 64:** 4,.....for since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him....

Human wisdom cannot bring us to the understanding of just how much God loves us, and what he has prepared for those who will believe. God works on behalf of those who wait upon him, and he encourages us as believers to wait upon him through our faith and trust in him. Therefore, even when it feels like life is out of control, our faith in him must grow, so that we might understand that God is always in control, for we cannot trust in God without faith.

We want to see what the word of God teaches us about faith and trust.

Acts 9: 36 — 42,....a certain disciple named Tabitha....called Dorcas....full of good works and almsdeeds which she did....Lydda was nigh to Joppa....heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him....desiring....that he would....come to them....

Our active faith makes for loving service unto the Lord. So, how important is it for us to be active faith filled believers? Our service unto God is the result of our believing and trusting in what God has to say unto us through his word, for if we do not respond to what God has for us to do with an active faith, then we are not demonstrating unto him that we believe in what he says. Faith in God is a choice that each individual must make, we either believe in God and step out in obedient service unto him, or we portray sincere obedience, but we do nothing. Worldly fear, doubt and unbelief are the opposite of faith, and we must work to overcome this in our life in Christ. This we do as we learn obedience through Gods word, which is his voice of understanding unto us, so that we might become obedient to that which he asks of us to do. As we learn to obey God, our faith will grow, and this comes through the challenges that are given unto us, so that we might learn to trust in him.

Matthew 9: 28 – 29,.... believe ye that I am able to do this....according to your faith be it unto you....

Now, many believers will see the value of their faith in quantity or quality, but Christ sees the value of our faith by sincerity, and by being authentic. Having faith means having confidence and trust in the one with the power to perform the work of restoration that needs to be completed in our life. Faith in Christ enables us, while a lack of faith is a hinderance unto us, for the power of God does not operate in unbelief. Our salvation comes through faith, and our life in Christ comes according to our faith. God responds graciously, compassionately, and generously according to our faith, because our faith in his Son Christ is well-pleasing unto him.

Romans 10: 8,....what saith it? The word is night hee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach....

One thing that we should not do as believers is to allow the world to deceive us into believing that Gods word is hard to understand and to obey, for in doing so it will be a hindrance to our faith. One of the greatest assets to our spiritual strength comes through our accessibility to the word of God. Therefore, it should not be something that is distant or obscure, but rather it should be held close and personal in the life of every believer. God's word is always near, it is always encouraging and uplifting, it speaks unto us through his mercy and through his grace, it transforms lives and it brings all those who believe into a saving relationship with God, for his word is available to all who seek after it.

Romans 10: 8,....but what saith it? The word is night hee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that is the word of faith, which we preach....

As Gods people, we are commanded to make his word known unto all of humanity. God works through those who submit wholly and completely unto him by faith. Our faithful service unto Christ begins with a heart that is devoted unto him. Therefore, we must never underestimate the influence that God has provided unto us through our life in him, through his word.

Hebrews 11: 6,....but without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him....

So, how do we live a life by faith, a life that is pleasing unto the Lord. First of all, only a believer can please God. First and foremost, we please him when we accept his saving grace by faith, and we also please him when we continue to live our life by faith. Too often, as believers, we become careless in seeking the Lord, and we try to please God through good deeds and worldly works, and this does not please God, because we are not trusting in his word. It is our faith in his word that pleases God, for when we live by faith in his word, we are being obedient to his word. Resting in Gods sufficient strength helps us to realize that our life in Christ is all that we need. Therefore, we must be determined to live our lives in a manner that is pleasing unto God, as we willingly and earnestly seek him, and trust in his word.

2 Timothy 2: 13,....if we believe not, yet he abideth faithful, he cannot deny himself....

As believers, we will struggle through life, and there will be times that we will not remain faithful. But even though we may often time reject him, God continues to keep his promises unto us, God remains faithful even when we are not. We are to base our faith on the truthfulness of God's word, which is the foundation that our faith is anchored in. This is because Gods word is the truth, and he will not go back on his word. God remains faithful to keep his promises unto us, for he cannot deny himself, and in this we are to remain faithful unto him, and we are to continue to trust in his mighty works.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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