

Mt. Lebanon 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.

Facing Challenges

Joshua 1: 1 – 6, 11: 16 – 19, 21 – 23

There are many times in every believer's life, when there is an unsurety or uncertainty about whether or not we are capable of handling the correct pathway that God has called for us to pursue. So, where do we gain our encouragement to move forward, knowing that God is on our side, and that he will always be with us, in whatever circumstance that he places us in, so that we can have peace, with strength, and with courage throughout every situation in our life. Our encouragement comes as we prayerfully seek direction through the word of God, and through the leadership and guidance of his Holy Spirit. God makes unto us the promise that when we turn to his word for guidance, that yes, he has the answers, which will give unto us the strength that we need, to face the challenges that are set before us, so that we might succeed in our life in Christ, but in order to do so, we must let go of worldly fear, so that we might face our challenges with an abundant faith.

Isaiah 41: 10,....fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness....

Faith in the promises of God is what he desires for us. God promises that we do not have to fear, because he will calm the raging storms of our life, and he will still heal the broken hearted, as he invites us to cast all our cares upon him, for he promises to be with us to the end of the age, therefore, his truth is sufficient for us. But, without faith, and without trusting in Gods word, we cannot please him.

Hebrews 11: 6,....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 them that diligently seek him....

Too often, there will be those believers, who have lived their life by faith, and they will stop relying upon the truth of Gods word. This is because we take our eyes off of Christ, and we begin to doubt Gods word. Believers who try to live by their own strength and courage, do not please God. Through out time, those who have believed in God have formed a union with him, and although this union can never be broken, our fellowship with God can be broken. To overcome this, we must diligently seek the Lord, so that we might grow in grace, and mature in our faith in Christ. Now, when once again we began to rest in his strength and in his courage, it is then that we will soon discover, that it is his strength and his courage that is all that we need to live our life in Christ, in a manner that is pleasing unto God.

Joshua 1: 1 – 6,....after the death of Moses....the Lord spake unto Joshua....saying....arise, go over this Jordan....unto the land which I do give to thee....every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that I have given unto you....there shall not any man be able to stand before thee, I will be with thee, I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee....be strong and of a good courage, for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swear unto their fathers to give them....

Anytime that God reveals unto us a purpose and plan for our life, it is important to have him reaffirm for us that which he has in store for us to do, not because his message was not clear the first time, but because we need the encouragement from the one who always knows if there is spiritual sincerity in our life. Every purpose that God has arranged for us in our lives, he has already determined it to be ours, if by faith, we will, without hesitation take it. Our success in Gods purpose for our life, comes from remaining constant in his presence, for he is the one who gives unto us the incentive to move forward in his plan, and the only requirement is that we move forward in his strength and his courage by placing our complete trust in him.

Psalms 46: 1,....God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble....

When difficulties in our life seem overwhelming, God provides us with a place of rest. When doubt and worldly fear began to cause worry and anxiety in our life, we can find security in Gods word. When it seems like all the world around us is rejecting Christ and his promises, we can find comfort through prayer. Therefore, let us be still and know that God is in complete control.

Joshua 11: 16 – 19, 21 – 23,....so Joshua took all that land....even from Mount Halak....and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them....Joshua made war a long time....there was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel....came Joshua, and out of the Anakims....Joshua destroyed them utterly....there was none left of the Anakims....so Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said....and the land rested for a year....

God makes the promise unto us, that through his word, that in every place, in every circumstance, in every situation, which he places us, that through his power, and through his strength, we will find victory, and in doing so give glory in his name.

As believers, we all speak of living a victorious, mature life in Christ, but do we have the willing desire to do so. Our victory ultimately belongs to God, and this is because that through Christ, and through the crucifixion, and the resurrection, by faith believing, we now share in that victory. In order, to achieve victory in Christ, we must have faith. So, what is the extent of the victory that God imparts unto us. As long as our faith in Christ is unlimited, than our victory in Christ is unlimited, for it is eternal.

1 Corinthians 15: 57,....but thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ....

Ephesians 2: 4 – 7,....but God....wherewith he loved us....even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace are ye saved, and hath raised us up together....that in ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness towards us through Christ Jesus....

Even though all of humanity is born dead in trespasses and sins and separated from God, he still provided all of humanity with an access to himself, through faith, in his Son, Christ. Therefore, we do not make ourselves alive in Christ, but God makes us alive in Christ through his saving grace.

Colossians 2: 13 – 15,....and you, being dead in your sins....hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses....blotting out....ordinances against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross, and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it....

Christ, who died for our sins, and paid our sin debt, took upon himself the punishment that we deserved, and he was resurrected so that sin would no longer have power over us. God therefore took upon himself, through, his Son Christ Jesus, not only to forgive sinners, but to forgive believers as well. This means that for those who will believe, they will receive life eternal with him, and for those who have already believed, they will receive a new quality of life, so that we may live in the joy and comfort of the Lord while serving him upon this earth.

Fulfilling Gods purpose and plan here upon this earth is not dependent upon man, or on the world around us, but our dependence is upon the promises that God makes unto us through his word, promises that include our works of faith, and the promise that he will accomplish his will, not only in our lives, but also in the lives of others, in his own time, and in his own way. For this reason, God calls for us to be strong and courageous, so that we will be:

1 Corinthians 15: 58,....be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord....

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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