SERMON NOTES

Faith in Fearful Times - Part Two

Midweek Sermon

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Matthew 21:18-22 (NKJV)

18 Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" 21 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. 22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

FAITH IN FEARFUL TIMES

Matthew 21:20 (NKJV)

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?"

Genesis 15:6 (NLT) 6 And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

HINDRANCES TO YOUR FAITH

1.____

James 1:6-8 (NKJV)

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

2. ____

Mark 11:25-26 (NKJV)

25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Psalm 66:18 (KJV) 18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

3. _____

Mark 4:40 (NKJV) 40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

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Hebrews 6:12 (NKJV)

12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

5. SELF-_

John 15:5 (NKJV)

5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

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James 2:26 (NKJV)

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

7. _____ YOUR WIFE

1 Peter 3:7 (NCV)

7 In the same way, you husbands should live with your wives in an understanding way, since they are weaker than you. But show them respect, because God gives them the same blessing he gives you—the grace that gives true life. Do this so that nothing will stop your prayers.

8. NOT ______ ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

James 4:2-3 (NKJV)

2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

ANSWERS:

1. DOUBT

- 2. UNFORGIVENESS
- 3. FEAR
- 4. IMPATIENCE
- 5. SUFFICIENCY
- 6. PASSIVITY
- 7. DISHONORING
- 8. PRAYING