SAFE: Keys To Safety

I. Safe

- A. Free from danger of any kind; as safe from enemies; safe from disease; safe from storms; Not exposed to danger; No longer dangerous; placed beyond the power of doing harm
- B. Exemption from hurt, injury or loss
 - 1. **Exempt**-Free from any service, charge, burden, tax, duty, evil or requisition, to which others are subject; not subject; not liable to;

II. We have responsibility where our safety is concerned-1 John 5:18

- A. You can do things that promote safety & you can do things that make you vulnerable
 - 1. It can be God's will for someone to be safe and they not be safe
- B. This shield is a real; there are things that activate this shield & things that deactivate it
 - 1. You can't live the safe life & not be conscious of this shield and what makes it work

III. Key To Safety #1-Trusting God is a major key to being safe-Proverbs 29:25, 30:5

- A. Trust relies on God-Proverbs 3:5, Psalm 23:1
 - 1. When you aren't looking to God it reveals lack of trust
 - a. Trust constantly looks to God in everything for everything
 - b. Trust in God is revealed in that you look to Him first and then only Him
 - c. Trust doesn't try to figure out how it can make this work
 - d. Trust commits the care of this thing into God's hands
 - 2. Whomever you look to first & the most is who you trust; it reveals who you have confidence in (EX: Do you look to your paycheck, your job, medicine, ect)
 - 3. I'm looking to him because a trust He's the answer
- B. Trust is not moved, it's committed, planted like a tree-Jeremiah 17:7
 - 1. Trust commits to do it's part no matter what because it trust God will do His
 - a. Trust doesn't ask questions, wonder, or become weary it continues
 - b. Lack of continuing reveals lack of trust
 - 2. I'm not moved because a trust Him that what he said is true

C. Trust will rest

- 1. Trust is revealed by the presence peace-Phillipians 4:8
- 2. Trust is revealed by the absence of worry, frustration, and discouragement
- 3. Trust always has a good attitude; Trust knows everything is going to be alright
- 4. I'm resting in quietness and peace because I trust Him
- D. Trust is not revealed by who you say you trust, but it's revealed by what you do
 - 1. Who am I looking to? Whom am I relying on?

- 2. If I say I trust God, am I easily moved? Am I continuing?
- 3. If I say I trust God is peace present & frustration, discouragement, & worry absent?
- E. The shield of Faith will keep you safe and quench the attack-Ephesians 6:16
 - 1. 1 Peter 1:5-Faith/trust activates the power of that shield and puts it to work
 - 2. Unbelief, worry, fear, doubt is unsafe

IV. Key To Safety #2-Doing what the word says will keep you safe

- A. The Word is your shield
 - 1. Psalm 91:4-Your truth is my shield and buckler; the Word will shield you from stuff
 - a. The secret place of the Most High is not some mythical, magical, place; it's a real place
 - 2. When u live inside the boundaries of the word, being a doer of the word it's safe
- B. The protecting power of the Word
 - 1. 1 John 1:5-God is light and in Him there is do darkness at all
 - a. EX: Absolute zero is the lowest possible <u>temperature</u>, at which point the atoms of a substance transmit no thermal energy they are completely at rest; 459.67 degrees
 - b. Darkness can't exist in God
 - 2. John 1:5-God who is Light is the Word-God = Light; God = The Word; The Word = Light
 - a. Life (zoe) = Light = God = Word ensure
 - Zoe-The power darkness can't overcome; therefore it's absolute fullness of life, life the way God has it, blessed life; The God-kind of life, the life of God, life that is filled with vitality, unrivaled life, unequaled life, matchless, richly loaded, overflowing, supernatural, self-sustaining life, the thing that makes God, God
 - b. When you talk about life, light, or the Word you're talking about a force that darkness has no answer for, that evil cannot overcome or penetrate
- C. When you do the Word, you dwell in this life/light, in this power force that darkness has no answer for
 - 1. Psalm 17:4-By hearing and doing the Word you're going to miss some evil stuff
 - a. NIV-I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded.
 - 2. Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 14-15-If you do the word you'll be shielded from the curse
 - a. There's no bad stuff inside the boundary of this word
 - b. The bad stuff comes when you get outside the boundary of the word
 - 3. Hebrews 2:1-3-When you neglect the word you reject your safety
 - a. We don't want to hear things from the word and let them slip b/c this Word is my shield
 - b. We need to give earnest attention to the things we have already heard
 - 1) What we've heard we must apply ourselves to
 - 2) If we do this what we've heard won't slip
 - c. The word was spoken by angels and those who neglected it weren't safe

- d. We can't escape danger safely if we neglect the Word; The Word is our safety
 - Our safety was spoken and when we neglect the Word we neglect it
 - 2) A commitment to the Word of God will ensure you of safety
- 4. Proverbs 13:13-If you despise and neglect the Word you won't be shielded
 - a. Nothing on the planet should be more significant to you than the Word of God
 - b. If you're safety is significant to you, then the word must be significant to you
- 5. Daniel 3:16-19-Come hell or high-water they did the Word and they were safe
 - a. Exodus 20:3-5-This is the Word of God; their shield
 - b. Their safety is certain if they do what the Word says
- 6. There's safety in the Word
 - a. There's a safe place in this unsafe world and it is the Word of God
 - b. How could Jesus walk the Earth for 33 years unharmed can completely safe?-John 8:28-29
- D. Satan has targeted that Word
 - 1. Mark 4:16-Satan comes after the Word because if he can't get the Word from you, He can't get you
 - 2. Whatever area the Word comes in, it comes to produce safety in the area
 - 3. John 17:17-You're set apart and safe and exempt through the Word

V. Key to Safety #3-Hearing what the Word says repeatedly will keep you safe

- A. Philippians 3:1-Hearing something you already heard from the Word is safe
 - 1. Listening to the same message more than once is safe
 - 2. Jesus repeated himself (Matthew 19:24, Mark 4-He taught the parable and then taught it again)
- B. Joshua 1:8-The more you hear it, the more likely you are to do it & the safer you'll be
 - 1. It's continually exposing yourself to the Word that enables you to be a doer of it
- C. Proverbs 3:19-26-Don't let the Word depart from your eyes; it's safe
 - 1. Proverbs 1:33-Hearing this word is a big part of being safe (Hear, attend to, obey)
- D. Romans 8:6, Isaiah 26:3-Thinking in line with the Word is safe

VI. Key To Safety #4-Understanding what the Word says will keep you safe

- A. Proverbs 2:11-To have understanding of the Word is safe
- B. Hosea 4:6-Lack of knowledge about the word is an unsafe way to live
- C. Job 3:25-Job didn't understand that fear is what brought this stuff on him

VII. Key To Safety #5-The words of your mouth will keep your safe

A. Proverbs 13:3-Saying only what God says is safe

VIII.Direction, Correction, Instruction

- A. Psalm 32:8
- B. Proverbs 15:10
- C. Proverbs 4:13; Proverbs 3:11