

## THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

### We Still Got Our Faith

#### I. **The spirit of faith retains faith in it's darkest hour-(2 Corinthians 4:8-Perplexed, but not in despair)**

- A. These perplexing circumstances never got in the them and (robbed them) took their faith
  - 1. We don't know what to do or which way to go and don't have anything --- This is the state that they are in
    - a. **Perplexed**-Don't know where to go, Don't know what to do, We are without resources
    - b. **Despair**-To renounced all hope, A hopeless state, Destitute of hope or expectation
- B. **\*\*We don't know where to go, we don't know what to do, and we don't have any resources, but we still have our faith\*\***

#### II. **No amount of negative circumstances has ever caused anybody to lose faith; people lose faith because they chose to let go of it not because of negative circumstances; People allow their circumstances to cause them to let go of their faith-Hebres 10:35,38**

- A. **\*\*You can hold onto your faith and retain your faith in the darkest hour, if you will\*\***
  - 1. Why would God have to tell us to not cast away and let go of our faith? Obviously you're going to be tempted to do it
  - 2. Don't cast it away; that means if you let go of it, it was your choice and you didn't have to
    - a. If you're tempted to let go of your faith do you have to let it go? NO. And If you did let go, did you have to let it go? NO
- B. The reason people let go of their faith is because they are weak spiritually
- C. **\*\*God gets pleasure in the ones who in their darkest hour won't let go of their faith\*\***

#### III. **The spirit of faith recognizes that the current state of my circumstances is unrelated to my decision to believe or not believe; I can believe and retain my faith anytime, anywhere I want no matter what's going on and that's my choice-John 20:25**

- A. I have the ability to believe and can believe no matter what circumstance I find myself in
  - 1. Faith is a choice and you can choose to believe in the midst of any circumstance you're facing
- B. Even though they don't know where to go and they don't know what to do, this doesn't have anything to do with their ability to believe or their willingness to believe; they can believe right in the middle of that if they will
  - 1. What do negative circumstances have to do with your unbelief? Nothing. You could have chose to believe just as easily.
  - 2. Negative circumstances will never justify unbelief

#### IV. **In this dark hour we have retained our greatest possession; We don't known where to go, we don't know what to do, and we don't have any resources, but we are not without faith-1 John 5:4**

- A. **\*\*With your faith we can find out where to go, what to do, and get what we need and overcome\*\***
- B. **\*\*If we let go our faith, then we've lost the means by which we succeed and overcome\*\***
  - 1. The question that we need to answer is not do you have your healing or do you have the money?  
The question we need to answer is do you have faith? Because if you do we can get the healing and the money

**V. A person with the spirit of faith; it's hard to take faith from them because faith is not just something they possess it's who they are**

- A. You're trying to take faith from me, but faith is me and me is faith
  - 1. Faith has become who I am and that makes it very hard for the enemy to get faith from me
- B. This way of life, this reliance on God, this confidence in God, this dependence on God has become who I am
  - 1. Hebrews 5:12-14-I'm seeing, I'm thinking, I'm choosing (judging), I'm understanding now based on this training that my "senses" have God by reason of practice; so I've practice so much that this has become who I am and it works automatically
  - 2. James 1:21-This training about faith I got from the Word and I took this word of faith and through instruction and practice joined it to my soul for enough time where now faith has been grafted in and two have become one and faith has become who I am
- C. Faith has gotten so deep in me that it's governing everything that I do, it's been melded to my spirit and you're trying to get it, but it's too late because it's become who I am