

## THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

Make The Devil Eat it

### I. **Pressure to a person with the spirit of faith is nothing more than opportunity to overcome and make the devil eat it-2 Corinthians 4:10-12**

- A. Always BEARING about in the body---They are not just experiencing it, they are enduring it in that they are not caving under the pressure of it, they are continuing in the same state, they are remaining, they are abiding, they are bearing it with patience
  - 1. So that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our body---If they would have caved in under the pressure instead of enduring it, the life of Jesus wouldn't have manifested in their bodies
- B. If they weren't always delivered unto death, then the life of Jesus wouldn't be manifesting in their mortal flesh
  - 1. 10,11-If it wasn't for pressure and trouble there'd be no opportunity for zoe to be on display
    - a. This isn't their glorified bodies, this is zoe manifesting right now in their flesh
    - b. This is talking about the zoe-life of God manifesting in the physical bodies causing them to stay a live when they should die
  - 2. When death would show up to kill them and destroy them they wouldn't gave in under the pressure, but rather they stayed in faith and then zoe would manifest and keep them from dying
  - 3. They are experiencing some opposition, but every time they do, the power of God shows up and they win
    - a. If faith is the victory that overcomes the world and we're supposed to live by faith, then there's going to be some stuff that you and I have to come over-1 John 5:4
- C. 12-We're going through some stuff, but when we overcome it blesses you
  - 1. They just won't glorify the trouble; You can hear this despising of the pressure in the undertones of what he is saying
  - 2. There's something about seeing somebody overcome in faith that stirs life up in those seeing it
    - a. When you see someone overcome in faith or hear their testimony it's like zoe starts percolating in you
  - 3. After this he goes right into, "We have the same spirit of faith." – You can hear the spirit of faith in this talk and in it there's this refusal to glorify the trouble, to cower under the pressure of it

### II. **The same spirit of faith of who?-2 Corinthians 4:13**

- A. Psalm 116:1-10-The Psalmist was surround by the sorrows of death, the pains of hell got hold of him, he called on the Lord and the Lord delivered him; We have the same spirit of faith that calls on the Lord in faith in the darkest hour and get's victory
  - 1. 1-2-He's reminding himself of how they Lord has heard him in the past

2. 2-Then he makes a decision of faith
3. 3-This verse sounds very familiar to 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 – They are both in a dark place naturally
4. 4-In the middle of this pressure he didn't tuck is tail and run, he called upon the name of the Lord
  - a. He's speaking verses 4 through 9 in the middle of verse 3
5. 7-That'd be him not letting trouble trouble him
  - a. You'd only have to tell your soul to rest if it wasn't resting
  - b. He's reminding his soul that the Lord is gracious, righteous, and merciful. That when he was brought low the Lord helped him and the Lord has dealt bountifully with Him. That the Lord had delivered his soul from death, his eyes from tears, his feet from falling. He's telling all of this to his soul and he tells his soul to return to rest, settle down, and be quiet.
6. 9-He makes a statement of faith in verse 9 and then says I believed therefore I have spoken
  - a. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living is him saying I'm not going to die
  - b. I believe therefore have I spoken – What does he believe?
    - 1) He believes God hears and answers him when he calls
    - 2) He believes God is gracious, righteous, and merciful
    - 3) He believes the Lord preserves the simple
    - 4) He believes the Lord has dealt bountifully with him
    - 5) He believes he will walk before the Lord in the land of the living
  - c. Remember this is in the middle of verse 3

B. The spirit of faith speaks to express what it believes, not how it feels

1. Evidence that you don't have the spirit of faith developed in your life is that you don't talk faith
2. Some have a hard time talking faith and the reason is very simple because they don't believe
  - a. They've thought if I talk right it will prove that I believe, but you don't talk to prove you believe you talk because you believe
  - b. You can talk "right" and not believe

**III. For which case-For what cause? We don't faint because when the devil tries to put something on us we make him eat it; for the cause of making him eat it we don't faint; For what cause? We're winning-2  
Corinthians 4:16**

A. 15-The spirit of faith will tap abundant grace, not the letter of faith

1. What tapped this abundant grace? It was a bunch of rules and it was the letter, it was the spirit of faith
2. The life of Jesus manifesting in you body and overcoming death is abundant grace
3. When that manifests people give thanks and it glorifies God

- B. **\*\*So the devil would try to do something negative to them, the spirit of faith would rise up in the middle of that thing causing abundant grace to manifest giving them a great victory and when that happened everybody gave thanks to God and God got the glory\*\***
1. The spirit of faith makes the devil eat it
  2. Jesus made him eat it-1 Corinthians 2:8
- C. Our flesh isn't having any fun, but inside we are getting stronger everyday
1. **Faint**-Utterly spiritless, wearied out, exhausted
  2. **Renewed**-To cause to grow up, new strength and vigor
    - a. The spirit of faith doesn't get weaker as the battle goes on it gets stronger
    - b. But if you listened to most Christians talk that's not how they live, talk or think