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- I. We are to continue in the faith GROUNDED, SETTLED, NOT MOVED out of faith— Col:21—And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now HATH HE RECONCILED. ²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: ²³ IF ye CONTINUE (to stay at or with, remain, persevere) in THE FAITH GROUNDED (lay a basis, lay a foundation) and SETTLED (Immoveable, steadfast), and (BE) NOT MOVED AWAY from the HOPE (expectation, confidence, faith) of the gospel, which ye have heard
 - A. Being presented holy, unblameable and unreproveable is conditional based on you continuing in the faith and not being moved away from the hope of the gospel-A believer can be moved out of faith and leave the Lord (Hb10:29) and if they do they do it to their own demise
 - 1. You have to endure to the end-Mt24:13-He that shall ENDURE (remain, persevere, hold fast to one's faith under misfortunes and trials) unto the end, the same shall be saved
 - B. We receive from God according to our faith and if we come out of faith, it affects what we can receive—Ep2:8-For by grace are ye saved through faith; Rm5:2-By whom also we have access by faith into this grace; Mt9:29-According to your faith be it unto you; Mt13:58-He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief; Rm4:16-AC-Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace; Hb3:19-So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief
 - C. <u>Victory is conditional in the life of the believer</u>—We can enjoy victory IF we get in faith <u>AND</u> stay in faith-<u>Hb6:12</u>-That you be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and <u>PATIENCE</u> inherit the promises (endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, fortitude, forbearance; <u>W1828</u>-The suffering of afflictions, pain, toil, calamity, provocation or other evil, with a calm, unruffled, temper; endurance without murmuring or fretfulness)
 - 1. <u>Just getting in faith isn't enough</u>-Many get upset when things aren't changing and say, "Well I am believing," but that's not enough, you must stay in faith when things try to move you
 - D. The opposite of continuing in the faith, grounded and settled is being moved out of faith
 - 1. Many are moved out of faith by what they see and how they feel-Pressure, circumstances, reports, things not changing causes them to lose their confidence, their peace, their joy and come out of faith

II. A fundamental of faith of living by faith is not being moved

- A. <u>In living by faith you'll encounter opportunities to be moved</u>-Faith fights are not linear and you'll have to develop the skill of not being moved
 - 1. The enemy makes it his business to move you out of faith-He'll magnify what you see, how you feel to try and move you
- B. A vital component of living by faith is none of these things move me-AC20:22-And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me
- C. Peter started in faith, but was moved out of faith because of what he saw and felt and it cost him-Mt14:28-Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. ²⁹ And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. ³⁰ BUT WHEN HE SAW the wind boisterous, HE WAS AFRAID; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of LITTLE FAITH, wherefore didst thou DOUBT?

- 1. He was moved away from the hope of the word "come", moved away from what God said—The wind had nothing to do with the word come—col:23—Be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard
- 2. Keith Moore-Woman with stomach cancer; "I'm strong in the Lord and in the power of His might"; The symptoms moved her away from saying that and so he's moving her back into faith; "I have a vivacious appetite and when I eat food it stays down"; Listen this is important, if you eat and you feel it coming back up and your head is in the toilet, when you get down you wipe your mouth off and you say, "I have a vivacious appetited and when I ate food it stays down."