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MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT
Lesson # 3- Part 1

“Faith vs. Feelings”

Mount Pisgah, we must get to the point where our **“faith”** is stronger than our **“feelings”**, because to allow the opposite can be very dangerous. Do not allow your **“feelings”** to guide your **“faith”**. **FAITH** should always trump or supersede **FEELINGS**.

Feelings _____, but a **faith** that is built upon solid **foundation** of biblical **facts**, always remain the _____.

Your faith must be “rooted” in **two** things:

- 1). **A PERSON**
- 2). **PROMISES**

Our faith must be rooted in a **person**, and in **promises** that “never” change.

A. The Person That Does Not Change

1). **Hebrews 13:8-** (KJV)- **Jesus Christ** the **same yesterday**, and to day, and for ever.

QUESTION: What was it, that He did **yesterday?**

a). He Delivered-

1). Exodus 3:7-8a- ⁷And the LORD said, I have surely **seen** the **affliction** of my people which are in Egypt, and have **heard** their **cry** by reason of their taskmasters; for I **know** their **sorrows**; ⁸And I am come down to **deliver** them out of the hand of the Egyptian...”

Three things that you need to know about your problem:

- 1). God **sees** it.
- 2). God **heard** you when you prayed (if you prayed).
- 3). God **knows** all about it.

Mount Pisgah, have you been praying and crying about a particular problem(s) for a pretty long time?

a). **Psalm 56:8**- Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my **tears** into thy **bottle**: are they not in thy **book**? So, let's look at two things:

1). The Bottle-

When you arrive in heaven, make sure you ask God to take you to the Bottle Room. There you will discover just how much God loves you. He has all of your tears sealed in a bottle.

2). The Book-

What is this "book" that he's talking about?

a). **Malachi 3:16**- Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a **book of remembrance** was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

God's angels have recorded "everything" about your life! Your hurts, pains, disappointments, the tough times. They scribed when you were talked about, lied upon, and misunderstood. God keeps a diary on you!!!!

b). **Revelation 20:12**- And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books** were opened: and another **book** was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were **judged** out of those things which were written in the **books**, according to their works.

You don't have to worry about being **judged** for your sins and mistakes, **Jesus took your judgement**.

QUESTION: Why would God keep a diary of your life?

c). **Matthew 5:11-12-¹¹ Blessed** are ye, when men shall **revile** (insult) you, and **persecute** you, and shall **say** all manner of evil **against** you **falsely**, for my sake.

The following is the “why”!!! This is why He keeps good books

¹²Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for **great** is your **reward** in **heaven**: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

b). **He Defeated**

1). **II Chronicles 20:27 (New Century Version)**- Then Jehoshaphat led all the men from Judah and Jerusalem back to Jerusalem. The LORD had made them happy because their **enemies** were **defeated**.

Now, let’s continue looking at this “person that does not change”.

2). **Malachi 3:6**- For I am the LORD, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

3). **James 1:17 (New International Version)** Every **good** and **perfect** gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who **does not change** like shifting shadows.

B. The Promises That Do Not Change

1). **Numbers 23:19 (New International Version)**- God is not human, that he should **lie**, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he **speak** and then not act? Does he **promise** and not fulfill?

2). Numbers 23:19 (KJV)- God is not a man, that he should **lie**; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he **said**, and shall he **not do it?** or hath he **spoken**, and shall he not **make it good?**

3). Titus 1:2- In hope of eternal life, which God, that **cannot lie**, **promised** before the world began;

4). II Corinthians 1:20- For all the **promises** of God in him are **yea**, and in him **Amen**, unto the glory of God by us.

Our economy has changed. The way we socialize and interact with one another has changed. Even our church worship has changed. But we serve a God; and have placed our faith in His Word, which NEVER changes.

- **CRITICAL THOUGHT TO PONDER:** Your feelings can actually lead you astray:

1). A person can “**feel**” guilty and condemned and not be guilty.

a). **Romans 8:1a-** There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus,

As a **Christian**, you have two choices each morning that you wake up:

1). **Guilty-** You can get up feeling **condemned**.

2). **Not Guilty-** You get up “knowing” that you’re **righteous**.

You may ask, “Well preacher, how can I feel righteous, when I know I do/have done wrong?”

This is the difference between:

a). What you do.

b). Who you are.

One **changes**. The other remains the **same**. **Who you are never changes!!!**

a). Romans 5:1- Therefore being **justified** by **faith**, we have **peace** with God **through** our Lord Jesus Christ:

Once you gave your life to Jesus, God immediately made peace with you. And that was not based on what “**you**” did. But based upon what “**He**” did.

b). Luke 2:9-11;14- ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you **good tidings** of **great joy**, which shall be to **all** people. ¹¹For unto you is **born** this day in the city of David a **Saviour**, which is **Christ the Lord**.¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and **on earth peace**, good will **toward** men.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is not peace “among” men, but peace “toward” men.

At “that” point, you became righteous.

1). Romans 5:8-9- ⁸But God commendeth (demonstrate) **his love** toward **us**, in that, **while** we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, being now **justified** by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath** through him.

Punishment that you should have received, He freely received. He took your **punishment**, and then turned around and gave you a **GIFT**.

2). Romans 5:15-16- ¹⁵But not as the offence, so also is the **free gift**. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the **gift** by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. ¹⁶And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the **gift:** for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the **free gift** is of many offences unto justification.

QUESTION TO POTIFCATE: What is this **gift/free gift** that he keeps mentioning?

3). Romans 5:17-19- ¹⁷For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the **gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the **free gift** came upon all men unto justification of life. ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made **righteous**.

Again, a person can “feel” guilty and condemned, and not be guilty.

2). A person might/may (even) “**feel**” unloved by God, and actually is greatly loved!!!

a). **John 15:13- Greater** love hath **no** man than **this**, that a man **lay down** his **life** for his **friends**.

GOD CANNOT SHOW YOU ANY GREATER LOVE, THAN WHAT HE HAS ALREADY SHOWN TOWARDS YOU.

3). A person can “**feel**” alone (lonely), and yet not be alone.

QUESTION: Have you ever felt lonely? All by yourself? No one around to share meaningful conversation and life with?

It’s possible, that just maybe, you have been looking for love, in all of the wrong places.

a). **Hebrews 13:5b-** “..... for he hath said, I will **never leave** thee, nor **forsake** thee.

4). A person can “**feel**” helpless, and yet help can be all around him.

a). **Psalm 46:1-** God is our refuge and strength, a very **present help** in trouble

