



Sunday, January 21, 2018

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — “*to obey is better than sacrifice*” (1 Samuel 15:22)

“Forward in Faith”—let us commit, as a church family, to move **forward in faith**, together, in this new year. This will take **moving forward in faith** in our personal walks with the Lord.

Be willing to take daily steps of faith in **desperate dependency** upon the Lord.

“Our Walk in Strength”

Question: How do you approach uncertainty in your life?

Learning how to be **desperately dependent** in this **walk of faith** is learning how to **walk in HIS strength**.

I. The _____ of Strength (2 Corinthians 3:5)

John 15:5 I AM the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in **Me**, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without **Me** ye can do nothing.

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 But **God** hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and **God** hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28** And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath **God** chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **29** That no flesh should glory in **His** presence.

II. His Pathway of Strength-- _____ (James 4:6-10)

A. The premise regarding humility (v. 6)

God is powerful against the proud but He is powerful for the humble.

Cf. Proverbs 29:23

B. The picture of humility

1. _____ to God (v. 7)
2. _____ with God (v. 8a)
3. _____ of Sin (v. 8b)
4. _____ to God (v. 8c)
5. _____ over sin (v. 9)

C. The promise regarding humility (v. 10)

In light of Who God is and who we are we must be willing to take our appropriate place of submission

Cf. Psalm 40:1-3

III. The _____ of Strength—Grace (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

A. Christ's _____ grace (v. 9a)

Philippians 2:13 For it is **God** which worketh in you both to will and to do of *His* good pleasure [*perfect will*].

B. Paul's _____ gladness (v. 9b-10)


1. The *source* of strength— _____ (v. 9b)

2. The *scope* of strength— _____ (v. 10a)

3. The *secret* of strength— _____ (v. 10b)

Isaiah 40:31 But they that **wait upon the LORD** shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: to Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!