



Sunday, December 31, 2017

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”

“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.

I. A Step of _____

A. Its _____—God’s faithfulness (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations;

God’s faithfulness is a vital part of the foundation of our faith. Without the reality of His faithfulness, we have nothing to trust in.

Trusting God’s faithfulness brings spiritual stability, bringing peace in the time of storm.

B. Its _____—Spiritual Growth

II. *A Step of Faith Requires...*

A. Being _____ by God—“*Go after it*” (v. 3)

This speaks of an attitude of **submission** to God’s ways.

B. Being _____ toward God—“*a space between you and it*” (v. 4a)

This speaks of an attitude of seeing God as **sacred**.

Cf. Exodus 19:12-13

Isaiah 6:5 Then said I, “Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the **King**, the **LORD** of hosts.”

C. Being _____ upon God—“*ye have not passed this way*” (v. 4b)

This speaks of an attitude of trusting in God’s **sufficiency**.

D. Being _____ from sin—“*sanctify yourselves*” (v. 5)

This speaks of an attitude of **sorrowing** over one’s sin.

Joshua 7:13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, “Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus saith the **LORD God** of Israel, ‘*There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.*’

Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

III. A Step of faith Reveals... (“ye shall know” & “ye shall [see]”)

A. God’s _____ — “the living God is among you” (v. 10a)

B. God’s _____ — “He will drive out” (v. 10b)

C. God’s _____ — “the waters shall be cut off” (v. 13)

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

- † **Be ruled by God** and *submit* to His leading. Remember that He is faithful to do what He has called you to do.
- † **Be reverent toward God** and consider Him to be *sacred* and worthy of your worship.
- † **Be reliant upon God**. Trust God to be *sufficient*. Remember that He is trustworthy.
- † **Be repentant**. Learn to be *sorrowful* for your sins and confess them to God and enjoy His forgiveness.

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!