



Sunday, March 15, 2020

MAKE 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)

We are confronted with a time of uncertainty and ministry opportunity. I have been praying about the current events, seeking to understand as much as I can about what is happening and prayerfully considering what steps we should be taking as a church family.

As followers of Christ, we have a message *“for such a time as this”* (Esther 4:14)—it is a message of hope, of grace and love. It is a message of *“perfect love casts out fear”* (1 John 4:18).

These are the moments—the trials of life—the times our faith is tried and tested; when we are tempted to hide in fear. For these moments, our faith has been grounded in the unshakable truth of God’s Word.

Psalm 46:1-2a God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; **3** Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

I. Peace within Our **Selves** (Php 4:4-9)

A. The **Precept** that evidences Peace (4-5)

1. A **joyful** mindset (4)

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice [*full of cheer*] in the **Lord** alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

James 1:2-3 My brethren, count [*consider*] it all joy when ye fall into divers [*various*] temptations [*trials*]; **3** Knowing [*being certain of*] *this*, that the trying [*testing*] of your faith worketh [*it will bring about*] patience [*cheerful endurance*].

2. A **gentle** mindset (5)

Philippians 4:5 Let your moderation [*gentleness*] be known unto all men. The **Lord** is at hand.

a. Rest in God's **presence**

Psalms 46:10 Be still [*relax in trust*], and know [*intimately and personally*] that **I AM** God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

b. Rest in God's **control**

Job 23:10 But **He** knoweth the way that I take: *when He* hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

B. The **Principal Prayer** that brings Peace (6-7)

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

Romans 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in **Christ** Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**.

1. The **Precept** for peace—Don't **Worry** (v. 6)

Php 4:6 Be careful [*full of care / anxious*] for nothing; but in everything by prayer [*worship*] and supplication [*attitude of need / humility*] with thanksgiving [*attitude of gratitude*] let your requests be made known unto **God**.

Corrie Ten Boom – “Worry does not empty tomorrow of sorrows; it empties today of strength.”

a. Our **Approach** in Prayer (v. 6a)

i. Attitude of **Worship**

Luke 11:2 And **He** said unto them, “When ye pray, say, ‘Our **Father** which art in heaven, Hallowed be **Thy** name. ...

ii. Attitude of **Humility**

iii. Attitude of **Thanksgiving**

b. Our **Asking** in Prayer (v. 6b)

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

2. The **Promise** of Peace (v. 7)

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of **God**, which [*sur*]passeth [*transends*] all understanding, shall keep [*guard*] your hearts and minds through **Christ Jesus**.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect [*constant*] peace, *whose mind is stayed* [*fixed*] on **Thee**: because he trusteth [*commits himself and is confident*] in **Thee**.



Each of us have a ministry in every storm of life. Our view of God determines our peace which is evidenced before others in our lives. Seek to be obedient to Paul’s command to be diligent in Biblical prayer that brings peace. Allow the truths of God’s Word to wash over your soul and evidence the joy of the Lord and gentleness toward others.

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

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