

## Faith includes Obedience

### COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

#### 3 PRINCIPLES GOD IS TEACHING US AS A CHURCH

1. Do not call faith what is not based on the Word of God – rhema of God.
2. You cannot do faith outside of a deep and intentional relationship with the Holy Spirit.
3. You cannot do faith without an unwavering conviction, persuasion in the love and nature of God.
4. Manifestation is not true evidence of faith; obedience and trust in God are better judges of faith.

#### HEBREWS 11 – read entire chapter together

#### ACTS 5:27-29, 33, 40-41

- Your obedience to God must override your loyalty to man.
- Your obedience to God must override your reputation.
- Your obedience to God is SPIRIT-ual and must override the SOUL-ish desires.
  - This is where the enemy traps our faith.
  - This is where the enemy contaminates our faith.

#### HEBREWS 11:8

- Obedience evidenced by action, going out.
- Obedience without clarity or demand of destination.

#### PERSUASION + OBEDIENCE = FAITH [Move all subjects over the = sign]

- Faith does not provoke obedience.
- Faith includes obedience.
- FAITH – OBEDIENCE = PERSUASION
  - This persuasion is like a strong belief. I know God can and will. I just won't move.
    - Talking a good talk but afraid of taking the next step.
    - Also, the spirit/ bad character of laziness.
  - Convinced of the Word of God, but not moving into action

#### ○ JAMES 2:26

#### ○ ECCLESIASTES 11:4

#### ○ MATTHEW 9:20-22

- FAITH – PERSUASION = OBEDIENCE
  - This obedience is empty – only doing it because I must.
  - I know God can do it, but will He do it for me?
  - It is void of a heart connection, a disconnection caused by pain or disappointment.

○ **2 KINGS 4:8-17**

- Husband's body was as good as dead – Abraham.
  - **ROMANS 8:11** – “If the Spirit that raised Christ...”

○ **GENESIS 17:15-17, 21**

**GENESIS 18:10-12**

- That laughter was from pain and from someone who has come to terms with their situation and cannot afford another emotional high or expectation.

CONCLUSION

- Faith = Persuasion + Obedience
- Be persuaded and move in obedience to the RHEMA God gave you.
- After RHEMA is revealed, God is waiting on you.
  - Overcome the fears and complaints of the Soul
  - Draw from your love and relationship with God.
  - He will catch you or teach you how to fly.