

## Walk by Faith – Part 1 (July 13, 2019 by Rev. Anthony Menzel)

The title of today's message is "Walk by Faith."  
I feel that this will probably be the first of 2 parts of this message...

1) We will not need faith forever...

### Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is <sup>[d]</sup>perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

<sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

However, as Christians, we do need faith here on earth...

### Scripture 2: Hebrews 11:1-6

Now faith is the <sup>[a]</sup>substance of things hoped for, the <sup>[b]</sup>evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the <sup>[c]</sup>worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

### Faith at the Dawn of History

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. <sup>6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to

please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

\*\*\*When we have faith, we should have nothing to fear...

### Scripture 3: 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup> So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

### Scripture 4: Philippians 1:19-26

<sup>19</sup> For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup> according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. <sup>22</sup> But if I live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I [d] cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> [e] For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. <sup>24</sup> Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. <sup>25</sup> And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, <sup>26</sup> that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

### Scripture 5: Psalm 23

The LORD *is* my shepherd;

I shall not [a] want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in [b] green pastures;

He leads me beside the [c] still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will [d]well in the house of the LORD

[e]Forever.

The Lord tells us throughout the Bible that we should not be afraid...

In one passage, for example, He tells not to be afraid 3 different times...

**Scripture 6: Isaiah 41:10-16**

Fear not, for I *am* with you;

Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God.

I will strengthen you,

Yes, I will help you,

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

<sup>11</sup> "Behold, all those who were incensed against you

Shall be ashamed and disgraced;

They shall be as nothing,

And those who strive with you shall perish.

<sup>12</sup> You shall seek them and not find them—

[e]Those who contended with you.

Those who war against you

Shall be as nothing,

As a nonexistent thing.

<sup>13</sup> For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand,

Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'

<sup>14</sup> "Fear not, you worm Jacob,

You men of Israel!

I will help you," says the LORD

And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>15</sup> "Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth;

You shall thresh the mountains and beat *them* small,

And make the hills like chaff.

<sup>16</sup> You shall winnow them, the wind shall carry them away,

And the whirlwind shall scatter them;

You shall rejoice in the LORD,

*And* glory in the Holy One of Israel.

\*\*\*When we do get afraid, we should remind ourselves how blessed we are...

**Scripture 7: 1 Samuel 30:1-6**

Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, <sup>2</sup> and had taken captive the women and those who *were* there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried *them* away and went their way. <sup>3</sup> So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. <sup>4</sup> Then David and the people who *were* with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. <sup>5</sup> And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. <sup>6</sup> Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was <sup>[a]</sup>grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

\*\*\*If we still feel afraid or overwhelmed, then we should go to the Lord Jesus in prayer until He helps us to feel better...

**Scripture 8: Proverbs 18:10**

The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower;  
The righteous run to it and are <sup>[e]</sup>safe.

**Scripture 9: Philippians 4:6-7**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

There are plenty of days where I have to seek the Lord in order to get the strength to make it through...

\*\*\*There are plenty of days when I have to seek the Lord in order to get the wisdom to let Him take the burden He has for me instead of trying to do things in my own strength...

**Scripture 10: Deuteronomy 8:11-20**

“Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest—*when* you have eaten and are <sup>[e]</sup>full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them*; <sup>13</sup> and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are <sup>[f]</sup>multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; <sup>14</sup> when your heart <sup>[g]</sup>is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; <sup>15</sup> who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which* were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— <sup>17</sup> then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’

<sup>18</sup> “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may <sup>[h]</sup>establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. <sup>19</sup> Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

**Scripture 11: Matthew 11:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am <sup>[f]</sup>gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”