

Chapter 13 - The Full Assurance Of Faith

God does not respond to our need, He responds to our faith!

"But without faith it is impossible to please God..." (Heb 11:6).

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How Do We Get Faith?

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17).

How Do We Increase Our Faith?

- Luke 17:6-10

"First, He tells us that faith comes in seed form. So it is not enough just to have a planted seed, but seeds must be cultivated to reach their destiny" (p. 218).

Partial Obedience Is Disobedience

"In fact, almost complete obedience, even 99 percent, is not considered obedience, but rather rebellion" (p. 220).

Intimacy Is Directly Proportional To Our Faith

- 1 John 3:19-22

"Our ability to have intimacy with God is directly proportional to our faith, and our faith is proportional to our obedience to Him" (p. 220).

"Our confidence or full assurance stems from faith, which comes by hearing God's Word, which in turn increases by our continued obedience" (p. 222)

Hope

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for" (Heb 11:1).

"Our faith gives substance to the hope or promises of God" (p. 224).

Entering The Presence Behind The Veil

- We can't experience true and close intimacy in the inner sanctuary without the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 14 – Drawing Near

You can dare to come near Him, because He has given you His timeless invitation.

"Intimacy flourishes from our hearts; it's not taught from our minds" (p. 227).

God's Interests

- Seek to know what God desires.
- Matthew 25:35-36

"We must lose our lives for His sake and the gospel" (p. 230).

- James 4:1-8

Come Near To Listen

- Come into His presence to hear before speaking.
- Do not be hasty with our request or words.

"It is so important that we give the Lord time to speak to us" (p. 233).

Manifold Ways of Impartation

- Jeremiah 33:3

"So in essence, there are diverse manners He imparts to us when He comes near; but one thing is for sure, we are never the same again after each and every time He draws near" (p. 235).

A Final Word

- Devote yourself to dwelling in His presence.
- Draw Near (James 4:8)
- Jude 24-25

Upcoming REALIFE Events:

Elements Service:

Wednesday, October 13, 2010
Baptisms, Baby Dedications, & Communion

Munch & Mingle:

Wednesday, October 20, 2010
Fun, Food, & Fellowship

Varsity Scavenger Hunt:

Thursday, October 28, 2010
7:00 - 10:00 pm