JULY Choose Faith Over Fear

MONDAY - Choose your source for hope and faith this week.

Everyday we make choices. Some sources estimate that you will make 35,000 choices today. The most important one? Where will look for hope. Are you looking for hope from the media? From politicians? From Facebook? You'll be disappointed. They are dedicated to feeding the fear machine.

<u>2 Corinthians 3:4-5</u> 4 We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through Christ. 5 It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God.

What did you choose? Reading God's Word? Watching devotional videos? Listening to podcasts about faith? Praying with fellow believers each morning? Now commit to do this every morning before you start your day. Each day is a new day with new choices. Make the right ones first.

YOUTUBE - Graves into Gardens

TUESDAY - Pray for faith over fear

I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

If you want to accept your future as it is, do nothing. If you want to change it, pray about it.

So let's get over your fear of praying. #1 - You can't mess it up. Just talk to God. #2 - Pour your heart out to Him. All through the Bible people did this and He never rebuked them for being honest. If you feel awful, let Him know. #3 - Ask Him to increase your faith and help your unbelief. These were two prayers that people specifically asked Jesus to answer and He did without hesitation.

YOUTUBE - Holy Spirit

WEDNESDAY - Choose the right side and stay there.

Just whose side are you on? I use to have a deacon who would deliberately argue the opposite side of a issue just to see how people would react. I eventually had to let him go because I never knew where he stood on any issue. Ambivalence, or the state of having mixed feelings, will defeat you every time. It's either faith or fear. Faith destroys fear - fear will destroy faith if it gets a chance. This doesn't mean that you should never feel fear, this means that you don't allow it to determine the course of your life. That's what faith is for.

Joshua 10:8. "The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you."

Joshua and the Israelites are claiming the Promise Land. 5 Kings and their armies are not marching to stop their progress. Fear would say, retreat or make peace. But God says, go to battle and do not be afraid. They are already defeated.

Fear is already been defeated at the cross of Chirst. But you've got to choose this day whose side you will be on.

YOUTUBE - Waymaker

THURSDAY - Believe you are who God says you are

"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe." <u>Proverbs</u> <u>29:25</u>

God is accused of many things that He neither did or could do. Lying is one of those things. God will not lie to you now or ever. He said that you are the apple of His eye, that He loves you and cares about you. He said that He created you with purpose and value.

To often our fears are based in our opinion of ourself. "I'm too dumb." "I'm too old." "I'm too . . ." You get the picture. Begin to see yourself as God sees you. No it isn't arrogant to say so, but you are a child of God. Your Father in Heaven loves you and wants you to be as close to Him as possible.

YOUTUBE - The Blessing

FRIDAY - Choose generosity

Generosity defines your experiences. According to <u>Proverbs 11:24-25</u> 24 Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. 25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

There are some who are generous with their wallet. Others are generous with their time. But it's those who are generous with their spirit that win the day. When you choose to be generous with your live, God blesses it for His purpose and your blessing. Fear will always be stingy saying, "I can't or I shouldn't.). But in reality, when you place your faith over your fear, God becomes your supplier and you've nothing to be afraid of.

Choose to be generous today and see what God does.

YOUTUBE - Graves into Gardens

SATURDAY - Choose to trust God above ALL else.

You trust someone or something. Everyone does, even those who say, "I trust no one, place their trust in themselves." But that's causes a problem, a fear problem. #1 - If you choose to trust no one, then you'll always be afraid of what others are saying and doing. This fear can drive you into seclusion or to manipulating your relationships.

#2 - You are your only Savior. You have to have all the answers and you cannot make a mistake, otherwise, no one will trust you. You see, that is the insidious road fear will lead you down. You will trust no one, but you will expect many to trust you. Impossible.

<u>Romans 8:35, 38-39</u> says 35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Can you trust God? I don't know can you trust a God who cannot be defeated by anyone or anything? Can you trust a God whose love cannot be taken from you? If you are looking for a Savior, someone to give you hope, I suggest that you put your faith in the One who is all

powerful and all loving. Trust God over your fears and allow Him to meet you at your point of need.

YOUTUBE - Build My Life

SUNDAY - Worship from faith, not fear

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. $\underline{2}$ <u>Timothy 1:7</u>

Honoring God today, on His day, is a privilege we should cherish. But how will you worship Him. No, I don't mean will you raise your hands or sing a song. I mean how will faith rise to express you love and trust for Him. Or will you worship out of your fears? God is listening to your heart today. Pour out to Him and don't be afraid.

YOUTUBE - Goodness of God