JULY Choose **Faith Over Fear** wk.4

MONDAY - Know the truth

<u>Philippians 4:8-9</u> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Truth is a casualty of war these days. With so many factions vying for control the truth, or someones version of it, consistently. Problem is, someone else is saying the opposite just as often. What do you do?

Focus on what you know is true. The Word of God. The Character of God. The Gifts of the Spirit. The Fruit of the Spirit. Love, Joy, Peace and Hope that comes from know Christ in a deep are personal way.

Think on these things.

YOUTUBE - King of Kings

TUESDAY - Take a step

<u>Deuteronomy 31:6</u> 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

The first step is the scariest step. To often we have our victory stole from us all because we will not take the first step.

God doesn't want you to live frozen in fear. He wants you to live free to walk in His will. But even He acknowledges that some steps are terrifying. Do not be afraid to pray with someone. Don't be afraid to love someone in Jesus name. Don't be afraid to share your faith with others.

It is the first step that terrifies you. The next steps you take terrify hell. Start walking.

YOUTUBE - <u>Tremble</u>

WEDNESDAY - It's all about love.

<u>Proverbs 24:16</u> for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

If you walk, you will fall.

All of learned how to fall long before we ever learned how to walk. We used falling as motivation to get up and try again.

By faith you will fall. You will make mistakes. You will try and fail. But don't stay down. Get up and try again. The advantage that you have is this. 1) Christ is on your side. He will empower you to get up. He never gives up on you. 2) The Bible will teach you how to walk in His will. 3) The Holy Spirit will empower you to walk in His will. 4) The church will encourage and strengthen you to walk in His will.

YOUTUBE - O Come To The Altar

THURSDAY - Don't give in

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,

Fear intimidates you to back down. Every time you do that, it grows in power. But when you speak the truth of God's Word in love, it loses it's grip on your heart.

In this time when people want to shout down and intimidate you. In a time when people riot and force their will upon yours, speak up. Will it change them? Maybe. But it will loosen fears grip on your heart and chase you.

YOUTUBE - Mighty To Save

FRIDAY - Think straight!

<u>2 Corinthians 10:5</u>. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Stinkin Thinkin will always lead you to live in fear.

If you allow your imagination to create scenarios of disaster and fear - you are doomed to live in those thoughts. Your brain doesn't know the difference between fantasy and reality. That's why it is so important to ground your thoughts in God's Word and God's Will.

Take the time to consider what you have been thinking about lately and bring those thoughts into line with Him.

YOUTUBE - Holy Water

SATURDAY - Love One Another

<u>John 13:34-35</u> 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love drives out fear. We already know that. But who do you love?

In a day and time when there is more hate than love being expressed, it seems that love has become a lost art.

It hasn't, but showing love almost seems to be a crime these days. Don't allow that to happen. Love other people. Love people who disagree with you. Forgive those who boil your blood.

YOUTUBE - <u>Blessed Assurance</u>

SUNDAY - God Is In Control

<u>Romans 8:28</u> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[a] for those who are called according to his purpose.

What do you do when all else fails?

Remember

Remember that God is in control. Nothing stops God's plan. Remember that God loves you no matter what. Remember that the Holy Spirit is here to help you. Remember there is hope where there seems to be no hope. Remember Jesus loves you. Remember His sacrifice on the cross. Remember, that what He did is enough to meet your needs today.

YOUTUBE - Nothing Else