
SERIES: BY FAITH

“Believing the Words He Spoke” (John 15:18-27)

Jude 17-19, ¹⁷ But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; ¹⁸ How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹ These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.”

I. ACCEPT, BY FAITH, OUR POSITION AS SERVANTS (JOHN 15:20)

“We need less self-appointed advisers and more God-appointed servants.”

A. WE MUST RECOGNIZE OUR LORD (JOHN 15:20)

Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:5-7, ⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:”

B. WE MUST REFLECT OUR LORD

1 Peter 2:21-23, ²¹ For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²² Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: ²³ Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:”

II. ACCEPT, BY FAITH, THE POTENTIAL FOR SUFFERING (JOHN 15:20-21; 16:1-2)

A. THE BELIEVERS’ EXAMPLE IN SUFFERING (JOHN 15:20-21)

Matthew 5:11-12, ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

B. THE BELIEVERS’ EXPERIENCE IN SUFFERING (JOHN 15:20)

II Timothy 3:12-13, ¹² Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”

III. ACCEPT, BY FAITH, HIS PROMISE TO SOULWINNERS (15:20)

A. TRUE BELIEVERS WILL HEAR HIS WORD (JOHN 15:20)

1. A believer will keep the Word of Christ (15:20).
2. An unbeliever resists the words of Christ (15:22, 24; 8:39-40).

“I believe in God. I just don't know if that God is Jehovah, Buddha or Allah.” – Actress Halle Berry

Colossians 2:9, “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

“Men don’t reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.” – Charles Dickens

B. TRUE BELIEVERS WILL RECOGNIZE HIS MINISTERS (JOHN 15:20, 27)

C. TRUE BELIEVERS WILL LISTEN TO HIS SPIRIT (15:26; 14:26)

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"Be Faithful" (II Timothy 2:1-9)

I Corinthians 4:15, "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."

I. A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN'S TEACHING (II TIMOTHY 2:2)

A. IN WORD (II TIMOTHY 2:2)

1. Timothy had learned some things from Paul.

II Timothy 1:13, "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

2. Timothy was to commit

B. IN EXAMPLE (II TIMOTHY 2:3)

"People do what people see." – John Maxwell

1. Paul had lived faithfully

II Corinthians 11:24-28, "24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."

2. Paul could challenge honestly

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." – William A. Ward

Philippians 4:9, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

II. A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN'S TESTIMONY (II TIMOTHY 2:4)

A. A PURE TESTIMONY

Romans 14:16, "Let not then your good be evil spoken of:"

I Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

"The Christian life is not a playground; it is a battleground. We do not have the strength ourselves, but by His grace we can endure and stand against the wiles of the devil." — Warren Wiersbe

B. A PLEASING TESTIMONY (II TIMOTHY 2:4)

Revelation 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

III. A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN'S TRUST (II TIMOTHY 2:8-9)

A. TRUST IN THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST (II TIMOTHY 2:8)

1. A finished work

Hebrews 12:2-3, "2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Acts 2:23-24, "23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it."

2. A saving work

Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

I Corinthians 15:13-17, "13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

I Peter 1:3-5, "3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

B. TRUST IN THE WORD OF GOD (II TIMOTHY 2:9)

Colossians 4:3, "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:"

II Peter 1:19, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:"

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