

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - FEBRUARY 25, 2018

TOPIC: BUILDING OURSELVES UP!

Sermon 5: "By Our Unwavering Faith!"

TEXT: Matthew 14:22-33

INTRO: Definition of Faith!

HOW DOES FAITH IN GOD BUILD US UP?

I. IT MAKES US DO THE IMPOSSIBLE: v.29b

Note: Like Peter, our faith can cause us to "walk on water!" Even a "little faith" in God, as that of Peter, can do the impossible! - Mark 9:23

II. IT MAKES US OVERCOME OUR UNBELIEF: vv.28,31b

Note: "Doubt" (unbelief) is the antithesis of faith! We won't be able to accomplish "great and mighty things," things that seem impossible to us, if we doubt God and His infinite power! Actually, like Peter, we will sink! - James 1:5-7

- William Carey!

III. IT MAKES US VICTORIOUS AGAINST FEAR:v.30

Note: Doubt --- Fear!

Doubt (unbelief) always breeds fear! Peter had rational fear. He feared destruction, i.e., drowning. Fear is a by-product of doubt! - II Tim. 1:7 cf. v.27

IV. IT MAKES US AVOID THE UNAVOIDABLE: v.30

Note: Doubt --- Fear --- Failure!

A lot of things would have been avoided if we just had faith in God to obey Him at all cost!

- The Man Who Went To Spain!

V. IT MAKES US GET DOWN ON OUR KNEES: v.30

Note: Doubt --- Fear --- Failure --- Pray!

In verse 30, Peter prayed, "Lord, save me," the shortest prayer in the Bible! - Psalm 34:6

CONCLUSION: A Great Way To Please God! - Heb. 11:6

Faith That Quenches!

Legend has it that a man was lost in the desert, just dying for a drink of water. He stumbled upon an old shack - a ramshackled, windowless, roofless, weather-beaten old shack. He looked about

this place and found a little shade from the heat of the desert sun. As he glanced around, he saw a pump about fifteen feet away - an old, rusty water pump. He stumbled over to it, grabbed the handle, and began to pump up and down, up and down. Nothing came out. Disappointed, he staggered back. He noticed off to the side an old jug. He looked at it, wiped away the dirt and dust, and read a message that said, "You have to prime the pump with all the water in this jug, my friend. P.S.: Be sure you fill the jug again before you leave." He popped the cork out of the jug, and sure enough, it was almost full of water! Suddenly, he was faced with a decision. If he drank the water, he could live. Ah, but if he poured all the water in the old rusty pump, maybe it would yield fresh, cool water from down deep in the well, all the water he wanted. He studied the possibility of both options. What should he do, pour it into the old pump and take a chance on fresh, cool water, or drink what was in the old jug, and ignore its message? Should he waste all the water on the hopes of those flimsy instructions written, no telling how long ago? Reluctantly, he poured all the water into the pump. Then he grabbed the handle, and began to pump - squeak, squeak, squeak. Still nothing came out! Squeak, squeak, squeak. A little bit began to dribble out, then a small stream, and finally it gushed! To his relief, cool water poured out of the rusty pump. Eagerly, he filled the jug and drank from it. He filled it another time, and once again, drank its refreshing contents. Then he filled the jug for the next traveler. He filled it to the top, popped the cork back on, and added a little note: "Believe me, it really works. You have to give it all away before you can get anything back!" - C. R. Swindoll

Verse For Today

"Lord, increase our faith!" - Luke 17:5

Food For Thought

"Faith SEES the invisible, BELIEVES the incredible, and RECEIVES the impossible!" - Paul L. Tan

Happy Chinese New Year To All!

