

Sermon Notes "Honing In Senses" G.Fabian 26.04.09 AM

Be in the place where we are not ruled by our senses/flesh.

FAVOUR: Acts 10:34 Father does not show favouritism – each one is in the process of being highly favoured.. Consider Joseph, Mary, Jesus. Considerable trials but not ensnared at any time because **He knew the Word**. Luke 4: enemy comes at opportune times with part truths.. Jesus & our response 'it is written'

There is provision, protection, promotion in the presence of God (Favour) and we are walking it out.. the process is the maturing needed to succeed well in to the destiny that God has planned (not a one off event but daily) Father is always preparing us to do well that which He is asking us to do.

Hebrews 5:14 Walk in the meat of the Word.

More grace to the humble; those who are submitted under His Word

Jesus walked by faith 2 Corinthians 5:7 (learned obedience by what He suffered)

Paul learned the secret of being content in any & every situation.. in jail, he led the inmates to Christ; in jail, He wrote Philippians (where he declared he had learned the secret to be content).. after shipwreck and a snake bite & curse.. he didn't spit the dummy and the church still exists in Malta today.

Do not need to be dictated to by circumstances nor how we feel about them.

Gal 3:4 the righteous shall live by faith

Heb 11:1 faith is the substance of things not seen

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 fix our eyes; unseen (believers can see what others can't; smell what others can't) 2 Corinthians 2:12-14 (aroma of life or the stench of death)

Let him who has **an ear (spiritual)** let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church..

Ps 34 taste and see that the Lord is good.. Your Word is like honey to my lips .. senses given by God to be trained to distinguish good and evil, not to be ruled by.

Hebrews 5:7-14

Greater level of maturity needed.. how did Jesus model walking by faith? How did He model reigning in His senses?

John 8 (lived a life of people trying to ensnare Him.) read story carefully; 'they' placed this woman (? How clad she was) in the middle .. Jesus 'stooped down' ..would not look upon her.. it was 'as if He did not hear them' (hearing) as they kept up.. He drew in the sand (touch).. He knew the Law.. Numbers 5:13; Deuteronomy 17:7.. that both parties should have been brought in; that the witness was to throw the first stone.. He also knew that the Romans would not allow killing for this at that time.. **in short: His words were few; He used the Word. His response to the woman when all were gone.. since no one was left to condemn her, neither did He and she was to go and sin no more.**

Check the order of that: no condemnation; go and sin no more. Christ came in to the world to save not to condemn.

John 11 Lazarus..

Consider story where Jesus' feet were washed with perfume..

Senses trained..

Luke 22:39-46 Ultimate example of reigned senses – first time recorded that blood was shed..

Disciples asleep.. exhausted from sorrow.. (watch and pray..) Christ Himself knew what was coming upon Him.. Isaiah 53

The Word of the Kingdom.. IT IS WRITTEN.... IT IS FINISHED.