

**“UNSTOPPABLE FAITH:
STRETCHING AND REACHING BEYOND THE LIMIT”
1 Corinthians 16:13**

WHAT IS “FAITH”? **“FAITH”** IS TO TRUST, TO PERSUADE, TO DRAW TOWARDS ANY THING, TO CONCILIATE, TO BELIEVE, AND TO OBEY. **“FAITH”** IN THEOLOGY IS THE ASSENT OF THE MIND OR UNDERSTANDING TO THE TRUTH OF WHAT GOD HAS REVEALED. SIMPLE BELIEF OF THE SCRIPTURES, OF THE BEING AND PERFECTIONS OF GOD, AND OF THE EXISTENCE, CHARACTER AND DOCTRINES OF CHRIST, FOUNDED ON THE TESTIMONY OF THE SACRED WRITERS, IS CALLED HISTORICAL OR SPECULATIVE FAITH.

LET’S LOOK CLOSER AND SEE HOW PAUL ENCOURAGES THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH TO MAINTAIN **UNSTOPPABLE FAITH!**

I. WATCH YE

WHY DID PAUL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THEM TO WATCH?

ARE YOU BEING WATCHFUL, ON GUARD, IN POSITION TO APPREHEND THE ENEMY WHEN HE COMES AGAINST YOU LIKE A FLOOD?

WHAT DOES THE WORD **“WATCH”** MEAN?

HOW DOES ONE SNOOZE? _____

II. STAND FAST IN THE FAITH

THE CHURCH OF CORINTH MET GREAT OPPOSITION BUT PAUL URGED THEM TO STAND FIRM, STAND FAST AND STAND FEARLESS IN THEIR FAITH! NO MATTER WHAT WAS DONE OR SAID, HE ADVISED THEM TO STAND AND NOT WAIVER IN THE STORM!

WHAT DOES GOD KNOW ABOUT YOU AND YOUR SITUATION?

UNSTOPPABLE FAITH COMES FROM A DAILY WALK WITH GOD. REMEMBER TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH EACH DAY BY FOLLOWING GOD, SO THAT WHEN FACED WITH OPPOSITION, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STAND STRONG FOR THE LORD.

III. BE STRONG

WHAT DID PAUL MEAN BY THAT PHRASE? WHEN PAUL ADVISES THEM TO BE STRONG, HE DOES NOT MEAN PHYSICALLY. HE MEANS FOR THEM TO SHOW KINDNESS AND EXTEND MERCY TO THOSE WHO ARE INTOLERANT AND UNWILLING TO EVEN LISTEN AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST!

KEY THOUGHT: THE SHED BLOOD OF OUR RESURRECTED SAVIOR EQUALS FREEDOM AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!

WHAT WERE SOME OF THE THINGS PAUL CONTINUED TO ENCOURAGE THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH TO DO?

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHAT **UNSTOPPABLE FAITH** IS, LET'S LOOK AT A COUPLE OF ISSUES THAT WILL STOP YOUR FAITH IN ITS TRACKS!

STOPPABLE FAITH
AN OBLIVIOUS HEART [UNMINDFUL, UNCONSCIOUS, UNAWARE] <i>PSALM 139:23</i>
A STUBBORN WILL [STIFF, INFLEXIBLE, STUBBORN] <i>REVELATION 2:5</i>
OVER-WORKING [WORK TOO HARD, TOO MUCH, TOO LONG] <i>EPHESIANS 2:8</i>
SELF-THOUGHTS [DOUBLE-MINDED] <i>JAMES 4:8</i>
WILLFULLY DOING WRONG [SIN] <i>JAMES 4:17</i>
SUCCUMBING TO LIES [MIND GAMES] <i>GALATIANS 5:7</i>
PRIDE [SHAME] <i>PROVERBS 11:2</i>

WHAT DID UNSTOPPABLE FAITH LOOK LIKE IN THE LIFE OF APOSTLE PAUL?

LET'S TURN TO (2 CORINTHIANS 4)

UNSTOPPABLE FAITH
UNSTOPPABLE DETERMINATION - (4:1) <i>GOD'S MERCY!</i>
UNSTOPPABLE INTEGRITY - (4:2-4) A. NO DECEIT B. NO CONFUSION
UNSTOPPABLE HUMILITY (4:5-7) <i>JARS OF CLAY</i>
UNSTOPPABLE LIFE (4:8-10) <i>PRESSED HARD</i>
UNSTOPPABLE FAITH (4:11-15) <i>TESTED FAITH</i>
UNSTOPPABLE FUTURE (4:16-19) <i>ETERNAL GLORY</i>
PRAYER (MATTHEW 6:33) <i>GOD FIRST</i>

(1 CORINTHIANS 15:58) "THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE YE STEDFAST, UNMOVEABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD."

WHAT DOES UNSTOPPABLE FAITH LOOK LIKE IN YOUR LIFE?

THIS IS TODAY'S WORD! APPLY IT AND PROSPER!