



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church

-We are not a perfect people

**-We are here because we know we need
God's help and He has provided this help
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him
Known!**

- Last week we looked at Peter & John (Acts 3) going to prayer meeting & before going in Peter spoke healing over the lame beggar by the gate going to the Temple.
- We were looking at 2 main points:
 1. Being willing to alter your agenda to meet God's
 2. Taking advantage of the situations God creates to share Jesus!
- Did you take advantage of the God appointments and allow Him to altar your agenda this week?

[Acts 4] 1 While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. 2 These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. 3 They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. 4 But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.

- Remember – this was a 3:00 prayer time they were going to attend when this all unfolded!
- The healing miracle happened... then the believing miracle happened - as a huge number of people believed in Jesus (Now 5000 men + women & kids)
- BUT – they were arrested and are now spending the night in jail – a 1 hour prayer time has now become a night in the hole...
- Following God's agenda doesn't always lead to places we want to be - people we want to deal with - or better circumstances!

- When we say Yes to Jesus & allow the Holy Spirit to lead our lives - we are surrendering our life agenda for His & IF we are surrendering our life agenda to Him – can we then complain with where we end up Or question the direction He is taking us?
- It is in the dark of night, sitting in a place by yourself, wondering how you got here that you can begin to question if what you did was worth it?!
- Joseph shared a God dream with his family and was sold as a slave... ended up spending a few years in prison & not for about 15 years did he see God's plan

- Moses stood up for his people that were facing persecution & ended up having to move from the palace to the desert- living 40 years in the desert before realizing all of this had a purpose- the Exodus
- David took a stand against a giant, won a great victory- was later anointed to be the next King of Israel then ended up running for his life for nearly 14 years!
- When you make your stand for Jesus & you are on the outside of your family- your friends- etc. The deceiver will flood you with questions & doubt!

- Why? Is the simplest of questions and can bring us the greatest pain and struggle in our life!
- It's not wrong to ask why... just don't expect an answer!!
- Jesus Himself in the darkest hour of His life asked the same thing: **Matthew 27:46** About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

- If we have said Yes to Jesus and are trusting Him with our life - We can't believe the WHY we must push past the Why and affirm our YES!

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

- Hear what the promise says... those who love God & are called according to His purpose
- God causes everything to work together for our good... HE USES circumstances to work with us!

- That doesn't mean He has placed us in every circumstance but that He will work through circumstances to bring about our good in our relationship with Him!
- So – if we are in a difficult place – we learn to trust Him thru it!
- If we don't sense His presence close to us we are learning to have Faith and not rely on our feelings!
- If we are being left outside the family, friends, etc. we are learning that He is our **ONLY** rock and constant!

- If the finances aren't meeting the budget - we are learning material things come and go but our life is not about these things...
- If our health is declining and God is not healing - we are learning this life is passing and eternity is forever!
- Whatever it is you are facing in your life today it's NOT a surprise to God!
- Whatever your circumstance is God is at work in and thru it to bring about a growth in your faith & trust

Action Steps

- Lauren Daigle sings an amazing song that I have loved from the first time I heard it: (Chorus)
“When You don’t move the mountains I’m needing You to move - When You don’t part the waters I wish I could walk through - When You don’t give the answers as I cry out to You - I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!”
- We are here today to surrender the Why for a YES... I will trust in You!
- I surrender my agenda for Yours & will live with whatever comes my way as a result!

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend 5 minutes a day at least 5 days last week reading the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Did you spend some time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?**