



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 is called to:

Radiate the love of Christ

Reach the Lost and the Saved in order to

Restore them into fully mature followers of Christ

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend at least 5 minutes a day – at least 5 days last week reading/hearing the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with someone this week?**
- **Did you spend time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked?**

- 1 of my 9 Core is: *I'm committed to Change- It is always happening-I cannot allow myself to get stuck in "my ways"!*
- Last week I told you I was challenged to drink my coffee without cream to help my voice... my voice was unaffected but I didn't drink it however,
- There were many times the thought crossed my mind – just do it – it doesn't matter – it's not what's wrong with your voice anyway - but I gave you my word I wouldn't – so I didn't!
- God has challenged us with the topic of change

- We prefer the known – the routine – the familiar – and the enemy of change is fear!
- I can't tell you how many times I have had people tell me they want to serve God – they want to say yes to Jesus – they want to give up a vice BUT – they've done it before and failed.
- The life change they sought didn't stick!?
- How come some people completely change - set free from drugs, alcohol, porn, tobacco, while others keep struggling and failing?
- I want to revisit a verse from last week.

2 Peter 1 3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

- The promise of God's word – "*God has given us (we didn't earn it) EVERYTHING we need for living a godly life*" - a changed life - a life of freedom from bondage & addiction – a life of victory not defeat!

- I am 100% convinced when the Holy Spirit talks to you about something in your life and you surrender it you will be delivered!

1 Corinthians 10 13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

- We will be tempted to fall back into our old ways... our old habits... our old comfort zones... BUT – this is where our Faith and our God become most real!

- We stand strong in our Faith and look for the exit in order to NOT respond like we ‘always have’!!
- We stand in the power of God and own the victory and freedom that we have received through Him to live above such things!
- If God’s victory over sin on the cross is not strong enough to defeat sin in my life than how good is that victory?
- If we can’t live free here and now – what will be different in heaven?

- If the sacrifice of Jesus Christ doesn't do what He said it would do than the whole thing is a farce!
- We have a daily choice to make – I'm going to live in the power of God's victory for me or not!

Romans 6 12 Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. 13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the

glory of God. 14 Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law.

Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

- You have a choice to make – live the life of faith which is the life of victory or live the life of brokenness which is the way of defeat
- So, you say the sinners prayer, you ask God for victory, you get baptized and then you go on living like you always have – doing what you've always done – nothing changes.

- New life means not doing the same old things but doing new things.
- If I have a bottle of water and tell you this is guaranteed to keep you cancer free for the rest of your life – but you need to begin to drink one glass every morning before you start your day... but you can't just guzzle it you have to sit down & drink it slow - it will take you 5-10 minutes
- What changes to your morning would you have to make to start drinking this water?
- What changes would you be willing to make?

- Everyone wants changes to happen but they don't want to have to do anything to get it!
- When we fall back into old life patterns or get defeated in a particular area of our life it's because we have neglected the daily disciplines of our spiritual life!
- The time in God's word, prayer, attending regular worship, listening.
- When we begin to develop healthy spiritual disciplines in our life we get spiritually healthy and remain strong!

- When we slack off – we get weak and we fall!
- The reason for this is our daily spiritual disciplines keep us mindful of the God we serve – it increases our faith – and we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- We don't spend this time with God to earn His favor or to score points – we spend this time with Him to get to know Him better – to understand what living for Christ means – to grow in our faith in turn this gives us the power to live the godly life God has provided for us thru Christ!

1 Timothy 4 7 Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. 8 "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." 9 This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it.

- "Train yourself to be godly" – undeniably – we are called to build up a spiritual disciplined life!

Action Steps

- How can your life change if you don't do anything different?
- Have you had a pattern of starting and failing in your spiritual life?
- What kind of spiritual training regiment are you following?
- What spiritual discipline can you add to your daily walk to help you increase your spiritual growth?
(Bible Reading (listening), prayer, quiet time of listening, fasting, journaling, etc.)