

Faith Chapel Bible Group

8-13-23

Starting prayer. (Scripture used within the prayer)

John 16:23-24 (RSV)

23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, **if you ask anything of the Father**, he will give it to you **in my name**.

24 Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Matthew 13:23 (NKJV)

23 But he who received seed on the **good ground** is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Men's bathroom broken paper towel dispenser making a mess. (Scripture used as an example)

1 Corinthians 14:33 (RSV)

33 For God is **not a God of confusion** but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

(Identifying myself) A proven character matters, not how many letters are behind a name.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (RSV)

5 for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what **kind of men we proved to be** among you for your sake.

Matthew 7:16 (RSV)

16 You will **know them by their fruits**. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?

Galatians 5:22-23 (RSV)

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.

Romans 5:3-5 (NASB77)

3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, **proven character**; and proven character, hope;

5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

We were on a make-believe bus tour.

This was an opportunity for the group to choose any **object**, **subject** or **question**.

One question was about the Holy Sepulcher or tomb.

Did not comment on that question. (Did not go there, it was not the season, LOL)

(Scripture used)

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (RSV)

1 For **everything** there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

Question, how to manifest proven character?

One answer, memorize, meditate, and apply God's word. (Scripture used)

Psalms 119:9-11 (RSV)

9 **How** can a young man **keep his way pure**? By guarding it according to thy word.

10 With my **whole heart** I seek thee; let me not wander from thy commandments!

11 I have **laid up thy word in my heart**, that **I might not sin against thee**.

James 1:22 (RSV)

22 But be **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Hebrews 4:2 (RSV)

2 For good news came to us just as to them; but the message which they heard did not benefit them, because it **did not meet with faith** in the hearers.



Talked about **sweet donuts. (Scripture used)**

Proverbs 24:13-14 (RSV)

13 My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are **sweet** to your taste.

14 Know that **wisdom** is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

Further Scripture came to the surface about wisdom.

James 3:13-18 (RSV)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

15 This **wisdom** is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

17 But the **wisdom** from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.

18 And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

More Scripture used. It takes wisdom from God to build.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (AMP)

3 Through skillful and **godly Wisdom** is a house (a life, a home, a family) **built**, and by **understanding** it is established [on a sound and good foundation],

4 And by **knowledge** shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Humility came to the surface during our time together. (Scripture used)

1 Corinthians 8:1 (RSV)

1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge."

"Knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up.

Humility continued with the following verses.

James 4:6-8 (RSV)

6 But he gives more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the **humble**."

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

James 4:10 (RSV)

10 **Humble** yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.

We talked about much fruit, and sweet fruit.

God is glorified when His children bear much fruit. (Scripture used)

John 15:8 (RSV)

8 By this my **Father is glorified**, that you **bear much fruit**, and so prove to be my disciples.



We went further with the following portions of God's word. It is not just much fruit but much sweet fruit. There is **bitter fruit. (Scripture used)**

Deuteronomy 29:18-19 (RSV)

18 Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations; lest there be among you **a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit**,

19 one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' This would lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike.

I taught about the root of bitterness. A root starts off as a seed then the root will spring up if we feed the seed. (Scripture used)

Hebrews 12:15-16 (RSV)

15 See to it that no one fail to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" spring up and cause trouble, and by it the many become defiled;

16 that no one be immoral or irreligious like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

(My testimony) I had a talk with my granddaughter about loving Jesus. "Do you love Jesus, parents, grandparent...?" "She said yes." (Scripture used)

John 14:21 (RSV)

21 He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

John 14:23 (RSV)

23 Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

(My comment about love) If we love a person, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, needs to be applied.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (RSV)

4 Love (G26) is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful;

5 it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

6 it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

People in strife are baby Christians came to the surface. (Scripture used)



James 3:16 (KJV)

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (RSV)

1 But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as babes in Christ.

2 I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready for it; and even yet you are not ready,

3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving like ordinary men?



The object of wheat mentioned. The goal here is to **rise** in the victories of Jesus.
Talked about baking bread and how if the strands are cut there will be no rise for the loaf of bread. We are part of the one loaf, Bread. (Body of Christ)
Each member is one strand in the one loaf, and if we are in strife, we cut each other up, in other words, there will be no rise or manifested victory.

These verses were **not** in the Bible class.
We are part of the one loaf. (Body of Christ)

1 Corinthians 10:17 (NIV2011)

Because there is **one loaf**, we, who are many, are **one body**, for **we all share the one loaf**.

1 Corinthians 10:17 (TLB)

17 No matter how many of us there are, **we all eat from the same loaf**, showing that **we are all parts of the one body of Christ**.

(Then, this came up) If words are not important, what should we do with James 3:1-12, and other portions of God's word, such as the following.

Proverbs 18:21 (RSV)

21 Death and life are in the **power of the tongue**, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 16:24 (RSV)

24 **Pleasant words** are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Proverbs 13:3 (RSV)

3 He who **guards his mouth preserves his life**; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

(My comment) **God used His words:** ("And God said," Genesis 1:3, Genesis 1:6, Genesis 1:9, Genesis 1:11, Genesis 1:14, Genesis 1:20, Genesis 1:24, Genesis 1:29) (*References added from my office*)

The word distractions came up. (Two people passed by the window as I was teaching, and I was distracted.)

Then the subject of parental recommendations came up.

Many young people are distracted by all the devices. They need help from their parents and grandparents. These verses are significant today. (Scripture used)

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (RSV)

6 And these words which I command you this day shall be **upon your heart**;

7 and **you shall teach them diligently to your children**, and **shall talk** of them when you **sit** in your house, and when you **walk** by the way, and when you **lie** down, and when you **rise**.

8 And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 32:46-47 (RSV)

46 he said to them, "**Lay to heart all the words** which I enjoin upon you this day, that you may **command them to your children**, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law.

47 For it is no trifle for you, but it is your life, and thereby you shall live long in the land which you are going over the Jordan to possess."

Parents need to get God's word first, chew on it, and then give the understanding to their children. (Masticate it/rub the word on their spiritual gums causing them to suck.

(Scripture used)

Proverbs 22:6 (RSV)

6 **Train (H2596)** up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Word search for, "train up," H2596

rub palate of child with chewed dates,

The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon.

Being sharp rather than dull came to the surface. (Scripture used)

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (RSV)

10 If the iron is **blunt**, and one does not whet the edge, **he must put forth more strength**; but wisdom helps one to succeed.

Hebrews 5:11-14 (RSV)

11 About this we have much to say **which is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.**

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of God's word. You need milk, not solid food;

13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child.

14 But solid food is for the **mature**, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.



Question was asked about what to do with late bloom Christians and what we can pray. One answer. Pray that God will manifest the power and desire to do His will. (Scripture used)

Philippians 2:13 (AMP)

13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the **power and desire**], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

The subject of music came up. I talked about playing drums. (I started in 1964)

Testimony of the first church I attended in 1977 playing the drums. (Section of Scripture mentioned)

Psalms 150:1-6 (RSV)

1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his exceeding greatness!

3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

4 Praise him with **timbrel (H8608 to drum)** and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

5 Praise him with **sounding cymbals**; praise him with **loud clashing cymbals**!

6 **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!** Praise the LORD!

Testimony of talking to one of my granddaughters. Discovering what portion of God's word, **she needed. I desired to give her God's word that people do not talk about much.**

Common verses were Matthew 6:33, or Proverbs 3:5-6. So, I thought Psalm 119:9-11 would be appropriate for her. I mentioned this before.

Psalm 119:9-11 (RSV)

- 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek thee; let me not wander from thy commandments!
- 11 I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

The common verses were the following. However, these are important.

Matthew 6:33 (RSV)

- 33 But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (RSV)

- 5 **Trust in the LORD** with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and **he will make straight your paths**.

Then the object of a mountain came up. This involved our true location in Christ. As believers in Christ, we are above mountains, valleys, circumstances...! No matter what happens, our location in Christ does not change. The battle is in our **thought life.**

I mentioned a video connected with this. [Click here](#). If desired. Believers True Location!

(Scripture used)

Ephesians 2:5-6 (RSV)

- 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- 6 and **raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**,

Our thought life led to the following portions of God's word.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 (RSV)

- 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not worldly but have divine power to destroy strongholds.
- 5 **We destroy arguments** and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God, and **take every thought captive to obey Christ**,
- 6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

The subject of holiness came up. Testimony of how the following verses helped me in the check stand when I worked in the grocery industry. A wrong thought came to my mind while I was helping the customer and then God's word confronted that wrong thought in my mind.

The wrong thought was defeated in my mind without saying a word. I had these verses committed to memory. However, I needed to obey the verses. **The key is obeying what we quote not just quoting God's word.** Keep in mind, memorizing God's word is like a filtering system. (Verses used were from my Scripture arsenal)

1 Peter 1:15-16 (RSV)

15 but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct;

16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."



The subject of the heart vs. the computer came up.

If everything were gone, electricity, all technology..., social media..., all devices..., and paper products... the only thing left would be what is on our heart, God's word.

I mentioned a video connected with this. [Click here.](#) If desired. The Heart vs. the Computer!

One reason I committed God's word to memory was because I loved Him and desired to obey Him. I needed His word to know what I should obey.

Matthew 22:37-39 (NKJV)

37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall **love** the LORD your God **with all your heart**, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

(Testimony of **when and **why** I started to commit God's word to memory)**

(Simple form) The first church my wife and I attended; I went with an elder to a place downtown to help a young girl get some shelter. As he was making the necessary arrangements, I walked around the place (A small sanctuary type place) observing all sorts of God's word on the walls. At that point I desired to memorize these and many more. I have been doing this since 1977 with daily review. It was through the power of God for this to happen.

Other verses not mentioned in the Bible class about the heart vs. the computer. (Scripture used)

Proverbs 7:1-3 (RSV)

- 1 My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you;
- 2 keep my commandments and live, keep my teachings as the apple of your eye;
- 3 bind them on your fingers, **write them on the tablet of your heart.**



Other portions of God's word that were mentioned.

John 15:5 (NKJV)

- 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing.**

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NKJV)

- 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

Proverbs 10:12 (RSV)

- 12 Hatred stirs up strife, but **love covers all offenses.**

John 14:12 (RSV)

- 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me **will also do the works that I do**; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.

Ephesians 3:8 (TEV)

- 8 **I am less than the least of all God's people**; yet God gave me this privilege of taking to the Gentiles the Good News about the infinite riches of Christ,

Philippians 2:3 (RSV)

- 3 Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility **count others better than yourselves.**

Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV)

- 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.
- 3 By faith we understand that the **worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 9:15 (AMP)

15 [Christ, the Messiah] is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an [entirely] new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the **promised everlasting inheritance**—since a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the [old] first agreement.

Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)

16 But do not forget to **do good and to share**, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Special thanks to **Eric** for the opportunity to substitute for his class.

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All the glory goes to God, in Jesus' name!

(Scripture added after class)

Ephesians 3:21 (AMP)

21 **To Him be glory** in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

Galatians 1:5 (AMP)

5 **To Him [be ascribed all] the glory** through all the ages of the ages and the eternities of the eternities! Amen (so be it).

In Him,
Pastor Vince Marino