

**Objective: to recapture
the primary values of
Christian living: faith and
love.**

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Recapturing Two Primary Values: Faith & Love

Gal.5:6

Introduction

We come in great joy and worship today as we are released from 'lockdown' and coming fully out of the 'Covid Cave' of seclusion, separation, and threat.



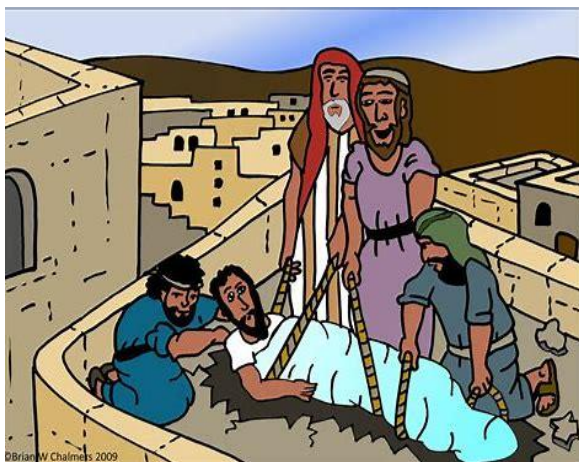
1 Kings 19:13-16 – God's voice to us in our time...

Some, may just be, 'getting out of the house,' a bit more. Some may have been in relational isolation and have been lonely and struggling. But today, we mark a fresh new beginning! We must re-establish the

practise of basic truths, of our Christian faith! We make changes again and again, as that is the 'path of Christian living!'

We come to renew two vital truths of our Christian life and step deeper into them, than ever before! Those two truths are: faith and love. You will carry these with you all of your days...living in them and by them!

We don't want to suffer 'body paralysis,' by being the 'member of Christ's body,' that is paralyzed, to love and to do the miraculous!



Question:

Did God resource you with what you need to live in this world and deal with everything, that comes your way, in terms of people and circumstances? 2 Pet. 1:3-11. We all face 'trouble' of various kinds and can feel inadequate, helpless, alone, and clueless...however, that is a great whopping lie! Gen. 41:51, 52.

Gal. 5:6

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Faith and love, are very often joined together, in Scripture. We only get connected to the One, who loves us the most, by our exercise of faith! Heb. 11:6; 1 Thess. 1:5-8.

Faith and Love, Partnered in Scripture

The following verses are actual mentions of the words, 'faith' and 'love' together. Of course, there are many other examples of both, faith and love...but these verses tell us how central, these two vital truths are, to our Christian life and daily experience.

1 Cor. 13:13; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 5:6; Eph. 1:15; Eph. 3:17; Eph. 6:23; Col. 1:4, 5; 1 Thes. 1:3; 1 Thes. 3:6; 1 Thes. 5:8; 2 Thes. 1:3-5; 1 Tim. 1:5; 1 Tim. 1:14; 1 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Tim. 6:10, 11; 2 Tim. 1:13; 2:22; 2 Tim. 3:10; Titus 2:2; Titus 3:15; Philemon 5; James 2:5; Rev. 2:19.

Don't ever stop 'faithing' and don't ever stop 'loving!'

People who stop "faithing and loving" move into the 'cave of isolation' and in that spiritual vacuum, their lives get covered with the mould of conspiracy, sin, selfishness, fear and despair...no matter the passion of their misdirected causes.

Faith is the 'Power' Word in Scripture.

Faith is what releases the power of Almighty God into our lives. We can easily slip into the worldly pattern of living, by simply allowing Satanic encroachment, in various areas of our lives. We possess something more powerful than he is, but may we may have, unwittingly, put it 'in a drawer' of Christian memory, instead of active and dynamic usage! Eph. 6:10! A command!

Our faith is what you use to smash fear, negative speculation, Satanic onslaught to your health, your family, your finances, your mind, the future, the unchangeable past, regret, disappointment, grief, loss, betrayal, fear, rejection, discouragement, employment, business, etc...don't let go of your most powerful weapon!

Faith is the power truth that releases miracles! Miracles are not just nice...they are necessary! Without them you are living more in desire

and wishing and wanting and self-effort. Gal. 3:5. We are commanded to ever be 'pursuing' faith...that is not just knowing about it but using it to live and get things done that require the miraculous.

Mark 16:16-18; Acts 1:8; 3:6 "what I **have**...I give you...I transfer, impart, release, put into...

John 2:11 – faith in the miracle worker!

Acts 2:22, 43 – Jesus accredited by signs, wonders and miracles...so are we...

Acts 4:30 – Early Church prayer...

Acts 6:8 – Stephen

Acts 8:6 – Phillip

Acts 8:13 – Simon believed and baptised

Acts 14:3 – the message of grace is confirmed by signs and wonders

John 14:12 – anyone who believes...

Love is the "Relationship" Word in Scripture.

God so loved the world that He didn't send Zoom or Social Media— They may have value in some things, but they cannot ever replace **relationship!**

One of the tragic losses of our time, is that so many people depend on and live by, 'cyber-relationships.' Recently I heard a testimony of an 'influencer' who came to faith in Christ who had had millions and millions of followers, subscribed to every kind of drugs, witchcraft, Devil-worship...just to try to survive! God's love gives value, meaning, fulfilment, blessing and life to the depths of our souls!

John 1:14 – Jesus the Word made flesh.

1 Cor. 12:27 – The Body of Christ is made up of 'flesh and blood' people, not memes, icons, photos, videos, or text messages. You can't hug a photo of a person and in so doing, communicate something meaningful to that person.

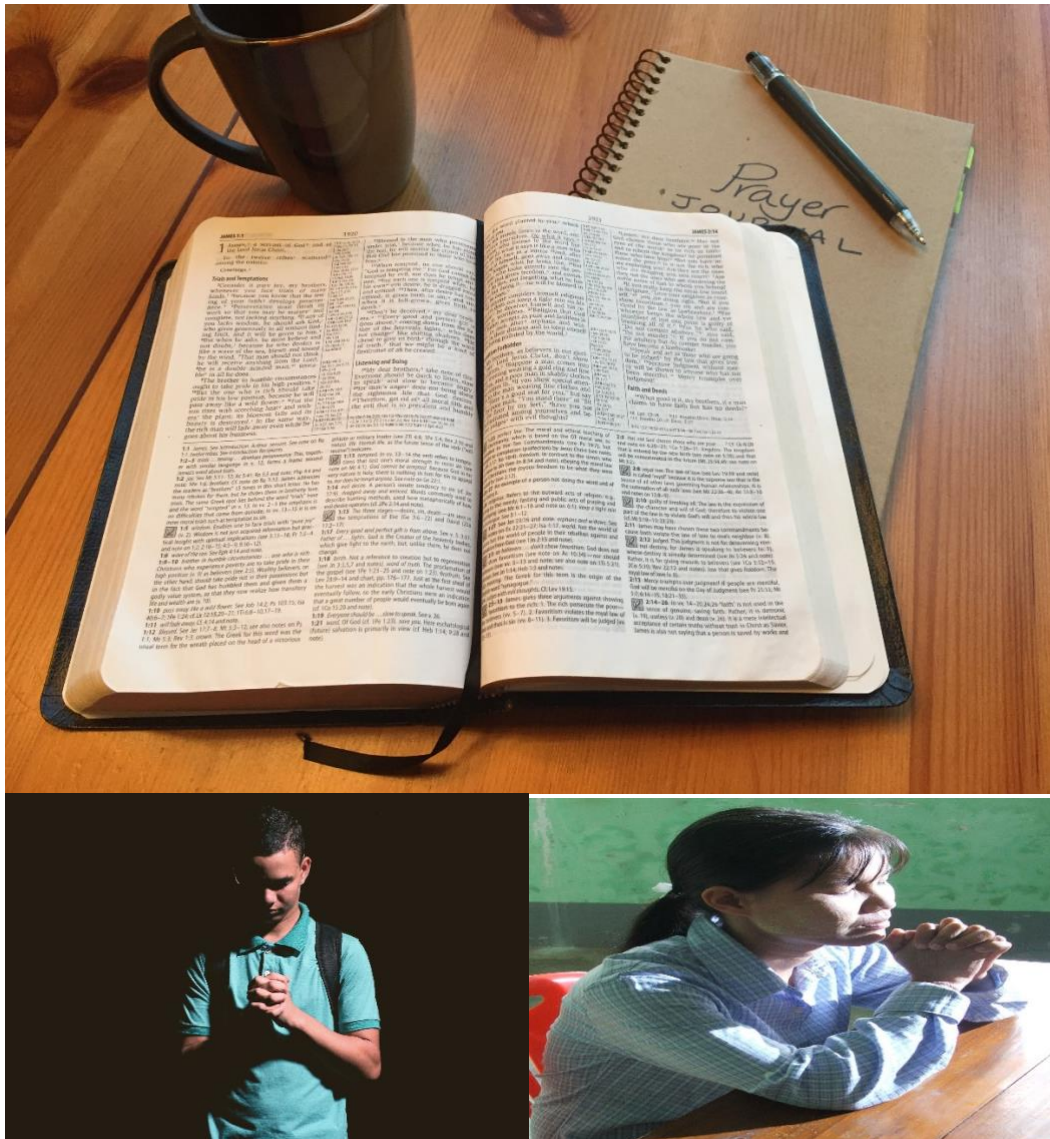


This may seem too basic but more and more the distance between the real and the not-real has blurred and for some disappeared! 1 Cor. 10:16, 17.

Heb. 3:6 “...**we** are His house...” where He lives...in and among His people.

Eph. 5:1, 2 – a lifestyle of loving...not hiding, not ignoring, not neglecting...but moving out of our circle and taking an interest in the welfare of others...

Mark 12:30, 31 – continual success in loving others and receiving the grace that comes from that outpouring is: **loving God first!** Love on Him at the start of each new day!



Matt. 25:40 – loving Jesus means loving others...can't be separated..
Gal. 5:13 – “....serve one another in love...”

Luke 6:38 – “Give and it shall be given to you...same measure...”

Recovering Means Using Your Faith and Pouring Out Your Love
Not in word only, but in deeds...1 John 3:18 NCV

The disciples didn't use their faith on the Sea of Galilee – so Jesus rebuked them!

However, you can use your gifts and not be loving...you don't have much...1 Cor. 13:3-8

So faith and love must be part of our Christian-life validating lifestyle!
Practical steps:

- Hospitality – opening your home and your life to bless others...Rom. 12:13; 1 Pet. 4:9
- Healing the sick – Matt. 10:8
- Witnessing to the lost, is loving them...just as He loved you...Ps.68:11
- Connecting with others – 2 Cor. 6:12; 1 John 4:7,8



- Practical helping of others – Mark 10:45
- Releasing miracles, into others' lives, as the H.S. speaks through you! – Acts 2:17 Being a prophetic voice in this world...

Today we attack, with our faith: (don't block through unforgiveness)

- Demonic Oppression, discouragement, and fear
- Diabetes, Arthritis, Neuralgia, Sickle Cell, Skin Diseases
- Allergies, Hayfever, Alopecia, Sinus Issues, Headaches, Migraines, High/Low Blood Pressure
- Stomach Issues, Intestinal Tract Issues,
- Cancer, Thyroid Issues, Kidney Malfunction
- Women's Physical Issues, Joint Problems
- Pain, Inner Wounds, Blood Disorders, Tinnitus
- Asthma, Hearing Loss, Blindness, Back pain, Seizures
- Absence of Salvation and Absence of Baptism of Holy Spirit
- Family estrangement, Struggling Teenagers, Rejection, Bullying
- Debt, Business Debt, Unemployment, "Egyptian" Job Oppression, Needing a car, sale/purchase of home
- Covid Recovery, Sore Throat, Insomnia, Feeling Weak all the time, Arrhythmia,
- Children struggling with school, those who have wandered from Christ and His body

Words from an old hymn:

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless, sea;
Day by day His sweet voice, soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me!"
2. Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol, that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love Me more!"
3. In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these!"

4. Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.