

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Title: Vulnerability to Jesus Christ

Series: Choosing to be Vulnerable ... 2

Text: Genesis 12:1 – 4; Luke 18:18 -25; Romans 10:17

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation to cultivate a VULNERABLE SOUL to the PERSON the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Introduction:

Review of June 6 devotional:

Vulnerability to the Word

1. Reality of the Word, John 1:1 - 5
2. Reaction to the Word (Action), Genesis 12:1 – 4
3. Response to the Word of God (Attitude), Hebrews 4:1 – 7
4. Rest in the Word, Hebrews 4:8 - 16

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~ Hebrews 11:6, "*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*"

1. Reality of Jesus Christ in the Believer:

~ 1 Peter 1:22 – 25, "*Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart (23) since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; (24) for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, (25) but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*"

~ Colossians 1:27, "*To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*"

~ John 17:23, "*I in them and you in me, that they may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*"

2. Reality of Personal Revelation (Illumination):

~ Ephesians 1:15 – 21 (18) "*having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,*"

The vulnerability here is admission that God's redemptive work in us goes beyond our intellect!

3. Response to Personal Revelation (Attitude):

~ 2 Corinthians 12:1 - 10

~ 2 Corinthians 12:5, "*On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses-*"

~ 2 Corinthians 12:7 (Personal Realization), "*So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.*"

~ 2 Corinthians 12:8, "*Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.*"

~ 2 Corinthians 12:9 (Personal Revelation), "*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*"

~ 2 Corinthians 12:10 (Personal Response), "*For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*"

Paul experienced a level of vulnerability beyond anything I have incurred!

4. Reaction to Jesus Christ (Action):

~ Matthew 11:25 - 30

~ Matthew 11:25 – Embrace faith and reliance on the living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ!

~ Matthew 11:27 – Confess the Word of God

~ Matthew 11:28 – Come to Jesus Christ DAILY...
"Three P's: Pardon, Priority, Purpose"

~ Matthew 11:29 – Prayer of yoking...light, salt, ambassador

~ Matthew 11:30 – Confess the promise!!!

Conclusion:

Like the manna I must go to Jesus Daily!!!

Like the Rock in the wilderness, Jesus is with me!!!