

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Title: Vulnerability to the Word

Series: Choosing to be Vulnerable

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 WORD of God.

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

Introduction:

Review of May 23 devotional:

Peter's Day of Pentecost Message

1. Pentecost, the Event, Acts 2:1 - 21
2. Peter's Pentecost Message, Acts 2:22 - 41

~ Football video

~ Vulnerability is NOT presumption.
Matthew 4:5 - 6

~ Vulnerability is a WILLingness to allow God to search and direct you.
Psalm 139:23 & 24; Proverbs 3:5 & 6

Willing to be made willing...illustration

1. Reality of the Word:

~ John 1:1 - 5, Jesus Christ is the WORD!

~ Genesis 1, God SAID!

~ Revelation 22:18 - 19, *"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, (19) and if anyone takes away from the words of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book."*

Remember Jesus Christ IS the Word!

~ Romans 10:17, *"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."*

2. Reaction to the Word (Action):

~ Mark 4, review the parable

~ Luke 18:18 - 25, rich young ruler.

~ Genesis 12:1 - 4, God instructs Abraham

Hebrews 11:8, *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."*

~ Nehemiah 8:8 - 10, Israel's reaction to hearing the Word of God.

3. Response to the Word of God (Attitude):

~ Reject, Hebrews 3:12 - 19

~ Repent of unbelief, Hebrews 4:1 - 7

4. Rest in the Word:

~ Hebrews 4:8 - 16

Conclusion:

Lord Jesus, I know that you love me and that you desire to speak to me; I choose to be open to Your Word to me, even if it initially hurts!!!

**Remember Jesus Christ
IS the Word!**

