

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

May 23, 2021

By the grace of God, knowing what to do, when faced with difficulties, is no longer that great a challenge. The challenge is, sometimes, finding the inner strength to get it done. Of course, some verses tell us that we can do it (1 John 4:4); "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13) or "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37) Even though these verses are true and are encouraging, how do we sustain them so that no matter the obstacles we are true over-comers? As over-comers we are wiser, we accomplish more for our families, for the Lord God, and for His church.

The problem is we will never seek the sense of God's power until we trust that it is there, because the Lord always requires faith. This is what He rewards (Hebrews 11:6). It is knowing that a parachute works but not until the person jumps, do they experience the effectiveness of landing safely. In other words, they must first jump. Our "jump" is called faith.

Experiencing God's power, through faith, first comes from taking the time to know His Word and trust His Word (Romans 10:17). The Holy Spirit is committed to make it clear (1 Corinthians 2:10-15) and remind us of what we know (John 14:26). The Word of God all by itself is powerful (Hebrews 4:12), it does not get old (1 Peter 1 Peter 2:22-25), it never returns void (Isaiah 55:11), and if we ignore the Word, we will be accountable for it anyway (Proverbs 13:13). So, it is a SURE thing, not a possibility.

Finding strength, living powerfully, experiencing success is not first a feeling; it begins with a deep conviction which in turn leads to a full surrender to the will of God. Daniel did not shut the Lion's mouth, Joseph did not rescue himself from prison, and Paul did not survive storm after storm, beating after beating because of their strength. It began with a deep conviction, based on God's Word, and became God's power to fulfill. This is why Paul puts it this way; "Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10). Even Christ would say facing all that He experienced on earth; "For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you." (2 Corinthians 13:4) Feeling weak is good when it leads us to trust His strength. Feeling strength is experienced when each believer loves one another through the use of their spiritual gifts.

We are strong when we choose to take our weakness to His strength, through His Word, and obey Him.



UPCOMING Events



Acts 2 Houston

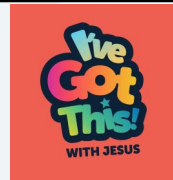
On Pentecost weekend every year, Acts 2 Houston will seek to unify the churches of Houston as one church with one worship service to give and go serve **one cause**.

We are excited to bring Acts 2 Houston to the most diverse city in America on **TONIGHT at 6:00pm** with *special guest speaker Dr. Tony Evans*.



Family & Friends Day

The Fellowship is back! Come to the parking lot near ABC Academy and join your Deacon Families for some food and fun on **Sunday, May 30th after the 11am service!** Enjoy a few games with your deacons and catch up on quality time with your brothers and sisters at LWFC! (Mask required outside of eating).



Family Bible Encounter

We are excited to announce our upcoming Family Bible Encounter starting **June 8th– 10th**. Our theme is *"I've Got This with Jesus": "I Can Do All things Through Christ ..."* Philippians 4-13. We have awesome classes for Adults, Young Adults, Youth, and Children! Hope to see you there at 6:30pm nightly. **Register online**

www.lwfellowshipchurch.org/event

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Leadership Training

The first leadership training for 2021 is planned for Saturday, **June 12th at 8:30 a.m.**, in LEGACY. Every leader is expected to be present. Dr. Mark Bailey, former President of Dallas Theological Seminary is our guest speaker/trainer. Please carve the date into your calendar and plan to attend.



Heavenly Fathers vs. Earthly Fathers

Ladies, join us for a spirit filled discussion as we discuss Heavenly Fathers vs. Earthy Fathers with our *special guest Michelle Black*. The event takes place on **Saturday June 5th @ 9:30am**. For Zoom information email Doris Henderson at doris.henderson@lwfellowshipchurch.org.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

"Don't Miss Out"

Galatians 6:9

James 1:12; Romans 8:37; 1 John 4:4; 2 Tim. 4:6-8

Dr. Paul Cannings

Sermon notes available online at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org

Click on the "Media" tab and click "Sermon Outline"

Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction



Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.

Ages 2—6th grade



S E R M O N O U T L I N E

Don't Miss Out!

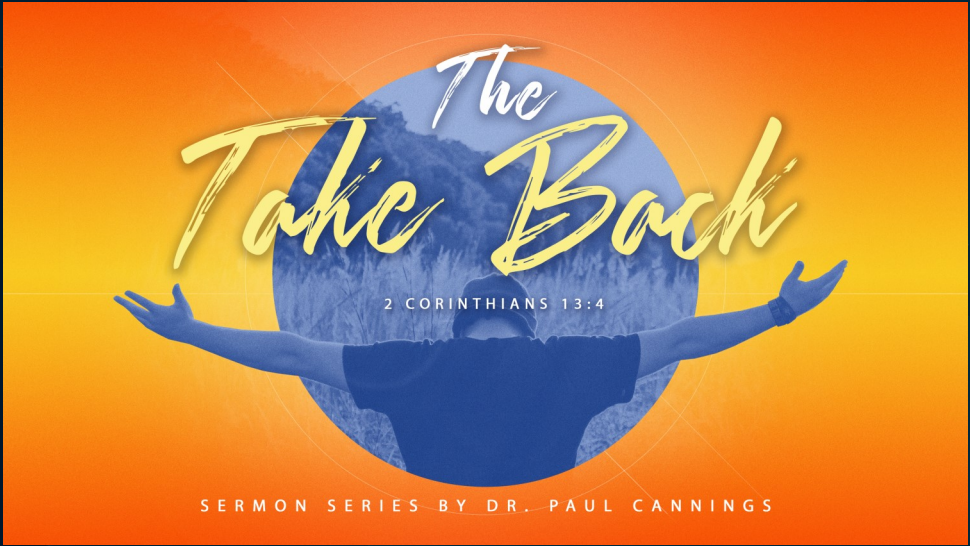
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A. Its' His Time (vs. 9):

- 1. We must not allow ourselves to continually, in the midst of difficulties, to become so afraid or discourage that we lose the motivation to persevere.
- 2. Doing good is continuous and it is not dependent on anything other than the person's commitment to Christ (5:1, 15-18).
- 3. What we must not faint from doing is completing what is honest, honorable, and agreeable for those in particular situations.
- 4. Due season aligns with Ecclesiastes 3:1 which ways; "There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven." So, this is the appointed time that is distinctive for the particular situation for a person to have ownership for what they have earned. This can sometimes come to fruition only in heaven (2 Timothy 4:6-8).
- 5. When the right time comes the benefits of a person's work will be at their full maturity so the person receives the best of their labor.
- 6. Receiving the full maturity of God's blessings to us only takes place if we do not relax or choose not to fulfill what God has called us to, because we have become exhausted or caught up in the sin (6:1-2) and choose to release ourselves from the 'chastening hand of God' (John 15:1-11; Hebrews 12:7-11).
- 7. You cry loud, and you never stop because you never lose hope in the Lord who is a just God.

B. Be Blessed While Being a Blessing (vs. 10):

- 1. When the Lord provides us the task to do, we must continually take hold of it because that is the direct purpose for which He has placed before us.
- 2. We must make ourselves expend a lot of effort (Ecclesiastes 9:10) as if we have been employed by the Lord (Ephesians 4:12 – 'work of service' – work is a lot of energy) to minister for Him.
- 3. We must make ourselves do what benefits others, even if it is benevolent because this is what is directly connected to us working and seeking to please the Lord. Whatever we are doing must be profitable for the kingdom of God.
- 4. Far above anyone or anything else, the service provided and all the energy that is executed, must be directed to those who are in the church.
- 5. The church family must be made up of those who have a deep conviction, Intense trust, and full surrender to the divine truths of God's Word. It is this mindset that causes these believers to remain steadfast in their trust in God to bring them through no matter the intensity of their trials.
- 6. When the Lord's family has full trust in His Word their steadfastness causes them to not grow weary, which therefore blesses them to experience the full blessing of their reward.



PRAYER REQUEST

Grieving: Eric White & family, La Toi Gillyard & family, Flossie Jones & family, Betty Biggom & family, Dorothy Price & family, Melinda Parsee & family, and Nikisha Doyle & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Octavia Scott, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Brittany Bullock, Sara-Beth Mathis, Barbara Gordon, Ella James, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, and Jon Heard.



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