"That which Overcomes"

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

The Fundamental of Faith

<u>1 John 5:19, 4</u> – (19) "We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. (4) For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.

And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

Acts 15:8-9 – (8) "And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, (9) and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith."

Colossians 1:21-23 – (21) "And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, (22) he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, (23) if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard..."

Revelation 12:11 – "And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death."

The Pillars of Faith

(1) Confidence

2 Timothy 1:12 – "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (KJV)

<u>Philippians 1:6</u> – "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (NIV)

(2) Commitment

Matthew 10:22 & 24:13 – "But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

Hebrews 3:14 – "For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end."

Faith Builders:

(1) Prayer & Faith

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit," (Jude 1:20)

"And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:15)

(2) Preaching & Faith

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

(3) Practice & Faith

"Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means." (2 Corinthians 8:11 NIV)

(4) Provocation & Faith

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25 KJV)

Faith Breakers:

"because <u>you broke faith with me</u> in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel." (Deuteronomy 32:51)

Questions to Ponder:

- (1) What impacted me most from this message?
- (2) Is my confidence level and commitment level growing towards Jesus?
- (3) Should I be concerned about losing faith? (Heb. 2:1-3, 6:11-12, 10:35)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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