2024 Spring Quarter Unit I: Faith-FULL versus Faith-LESS

Lesson 4: Living in Faith
Bible Background: Acts 6
Printed Text: Acts 6:7-15 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Prayer: Eternal God, grant us the internal fortitude to stand for truth and be willing to uphold Your name wherever we may go. Grant us the strength to suffer for righteousness' sake willingly. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Exposition and Application of the Scripture: - Living in Faith - Acts 6:7-15

A. Are You Noticing This? (v. 7) – pp. 273-274

- What am I doing in helping the word of God increase (help church growth/make disciples)? 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Matthew 28:19-20
- Should it matter where or in what capacity I serve as long as I'm serving with the right heart? Thu: Refrain from Defiling the Church 2 Corinthians 5:1-11
- How willingly do I subject myself to the teachings of the "doctrine"? Mon: The Blessings of Walking in God's Ways Deuteronomy 28:1-14 (Devotional Reading)

B. Full of Grace and Power (vv. 8-10) – pp. 274-275

- What three (3) gifts did Stephen demonstrate within our text? Acts 6:3, 8, 10
- What gift(s) has God given me to benefit His people? Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:11-12
- When facing known opposition, how fully do I let the Spirit lead? Luke 12:8-12
- Have I tried to argue against the Holy Spirit? Matthew 10:17-20; Luke 21:15-19

C. Lies, Lies, and More Lies (vv. 11-14) – pp. 275-276

- Has anyone ever lied on me or about me? What was my response/reaction? Matthew 26:59-68
- Do I lack sensitivity of God's presence and power in His own people? Sat: The Ministry of Caring for Others Acts 6:1-6 (Bible Background)
- What can I do to not stay stuck in customs/traditions, but move according to the Spirit of God? Matthew 15:1-14; Tue: Let Your Life Match Your Words Titus 2:1-8
- How gullible am I to believe just anything that's not validated by the Spirit? 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 1 John 4:1-3

D. The Face of an Angel (v. 15) – p. 276

- When others look at me, what do they see? **Ephesians 5:6-14**
- Where does my confidence in the Lord come from? Is it reflective in my stature? Exodus 34:29-35; Fri: Vessels Prepared for Every Good Work 2 Timothy 2:8-21
- Am I strong enough in the Lord to pray for my accusers/oppressors? Luke 23:34; Acts 7:59-60

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