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MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT
Lesson # 3

“Faith vs. Feelings”

Mount Pisgah, we must get to the point where our **“faith”** dictates to our **“feelings”** and not the opposite. Do not allow your **“feelings”** to guide your **“faith”**. Just the opposite should take place. **FAITH** should always suppress any negative **FEELINGS**.

Feelings _____, but a **faith** that is built upon sound and solid biblical **facts**, always remain the _____.

Our faith is rooted in a **PERSON** and in **PROMISES** that never changes:

1). Hebrews 13:8- (KJV)- Jesus Christ the **same** yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

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n Our economy has changed. The way that we socialize and interact with one another has changed. Even our church worship has changed. But we serve a God; and have placed our faith in His word, which NEVER change. He is our God who cannot lie!

- **THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** Your feelings can actually lead you astray:

1). A person can **“feel”** guilty & condemned and not be guilty.

a). **Romans 8:1a-** There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus,

2). A person can **“feel”** unloved, and be greatly loved.

a). **John 15:13-** Greater **love** hath **no** man than this, that a man lay down his **life** for his friends.

3). A person can “**feel**” alone and yet not be alone.

a). **Hebrews 13:5b**-for he hath said, I will **never leave thee**, nor **forsake** thee.

4). A person can “**feel**” helpless, and yet help can be all around him.

a). **Psalm 46:1**- God is our refuge and strength, a very **present help** in trouble

- Any uncertain or confusing **FEELINGS** should always be based upon biblical **FACTS**.

There are times when we don’t “**feel**” like forgiving people, but we should.

There are times when we don’t “**feel**” like apologizing to other people, but we should.

Sometimes we don’t “**feel**” like going to church, but we should.

So, one must ask himself the question: Do I live by _____, or am I led by my _____?

We must walk by **faith**, and not by **feelings**. The bible instructs us to trust in **God**, and in **His word**; not in what we **feel, see, or think**:

1). II Corinthians 5:7- For we walk by **faith**, not by **sight**:

2). Proverbs 3:5- **Trust** in the LORD with all thine heart; and **lean not** unto thine own **understanding**.

3). Proverbs 28:26a- He that **trusteth** in his **own heart** is a **fool**:

Our feelings can be easily changed by _____ and _____.

You cannot put your trust in something that is always changing.

Relying upon our “**feelings**” will lead us to only do what “**feels**” right.

Additionally, I have also learned that I cannot live by both “faith” and “feelings”. No one can serve two masters.

- **How do we overcome being totally dependant upon our feelings?**

1). Make the word of God your foundation. Feelings can be compared to sand. Faith in God and in His word must be your foundation.

a). **Matthew 7:24-27-** ²⁴Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a **wise** man, which built his house upon a **rock**: ²⁵And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell not**: for it was **founded** upon a **rock**. ²⁶And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a **foolish** man, which built his house upon the **sand**: ²⁷And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell**: and **great** was the **fall** of it.

2). Claim the promises of God found in His word as “personal” guarantees that God has made to you.

3). **Resist** the devil when he comes against you with negative feelings.

a). **James 4:7-** Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will **flee** from you.

b). **I Peter 5:9-** Whom **resist stedfast** in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

You will find yourself having to do this _____ and _____.

But the end results will always be **VICTORY**.

4). Always compare what you are feeling, with what the “book of facts” (the Bible) says. Let the bible dominate your mind. And when you do that, your feelings will eventually fall in line.

Your faith must dominate what you feel, see, and think.

- **Answers to the fill-in-the-blank statements:**

1). Feelings **change**, but a faith that is built upon sound and solid biblical facts, always remain the **same**.

2). So, one must ask himself the question: Do I live by **faith**, or am I led by my **feelings**?

3). Our feelings can be easily changed by **people** and **circumstances**.

4). You will find yourself having to do this **over** and **over**.