

SPIRIT & TRUTH E-NEWSLETTER

“Don’t Settle For The Status Quo”

Excerpt from Pastor Barnaby’s message on Thursday, July 16, 2009

Scripture Text: 2 Chronicles 20:4-24

We must have a purpose and an identity in Christ. We must all strive to be good and faithful servants of the Lord! We must not settle for the status quo in our personal lives, prayer lives, church lives, etc...sometimes we have to go after our own breakthrough! If God asks us to do something that seems “crazy” to us, know that He is trying to build our faith and He wants to move in a special way and do something special for us. An awesome example of this principle is given in 2 Chronicles 20:4-24. In this passage of scripture we are given an outline of what to do when the enemy comes against us and tries to stall us on our journey with a flat tire. There are three key steps to overcoming the status quo:

1. When we ask God for help, we must do what he tells us to do. (20: 15)
2. When God gives us direction, we must have faith that His word is true (20:16)
3. We must exercise our faith through worship and praise, we show our faith by praising God in advance for our victory (20:21-22)

When King Jehoshaphat and the children of Israel where surrounded by their enemies, they could have taken the “status quo” approach and went out against them with spears and swords, but instead they stepped out in “crazy” faith and were rewarded with an awesome victory against their enemies! King Jehoshaphat was a good king because he sought the Lord in all his undertakings and he was faithful to God to be obedient to His direction.

What affects us physically affects us spiritually and the reverse is also true. If we break the strongholds of our mind, we will strengthen our spirit. By committing to our identity as good and faithful servants of God, we will be able to breakthrough the bondages and encampments of the enemy. Because Jehoshaphat was firm in his identity as a good and faithful servant of God, he set a good example for the children of Israel and they were blessed when they followed it! If we likewise commit ourselves to be good and faithful servants of God, our friends and family will be blessed too!

2 Chronicles 20:4-24 (KJV)

Key Verses

¹⁴Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah...came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

¹⁵...Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for **the battle is not yours, but God's.**

¹⁷**Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.**

¹⁸And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, **worshipping the LORD.**

¹⁹And the Levites ...**stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.**

²¹And when he {Jehoshaphat} had consulted with the people, **he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.**

²²And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

Get Ready for Revival!

“Time to Gather” Revival Services

with Rev. Brian Norman

Thursday, July 30 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 2 at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

with Rev. Michael Easter

Thursday, August 6 at 7:30 pm

Friday, August 7 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 8 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 9 at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

VBS Camp E.D.G.E.

“Taking Kids to the Edge”

Sundays at 10:00 am

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Camp E.D.G.E.

Back to School Event

Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 pm





We all have flat tires!

Flat tires are neither special nor rare and sooner or later, you will have one on your vehicle. Spiritual flat tires are also common among Christians, but we often do not handle these spiritual blowouts as effectively as we do our physical flat tires. A spiritual flat tire is momentary setback on our journey in Christ. We are all headed somewhere and we will all eventually experience a "flat" during our journey. In 2 Thessalonians 2:18, Paul describes his spiritual "flat" when he explains that he had wanted to revisit the church at Thessalonica, but Satan hindered him. Whether it be in the physical or spiritual sense, the key to effectively handling a flat tire is preparation – **we must be prepared!**

FOCUS THIS WEEK:

BREAKTHROUGH



Weekly Events

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:30 pm
Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 5:00 am, 12 Noon, and 7:00 pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7:30 pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 11:00 am

Remember, prayer begins 30 minutes before each service!

I HAVE A TESTIMONY!!

"God is good! He watches out for me and provides blessings even when I have not asked for them. I bought a new house in April and was worried about the increase in my bills that comes with home ownership when out of the blue the owner of my company decided to restructure the way we get paid. The end result was a 15% increase in my commissions every month increasing my pay significantly and enabling me to rent an office near to home and church. On top of that I had asked God to relieve some of the stress that I was feeling on my job and He provided again! I have only this to say to anyone facing financial hardship. If the first check you write whenever you have an increase is to God then he will always provide with what you need. I stand as a living testimony to the principles Pastor teaches on a regular basis."

-Bro. Brent Goble

"In December 2008 I was promoted to Department Manager at my job and in April I was notified that I was the Department Manager of the Quarter! God is truly fulfilling His promise of making His children the head and not the tail. Promotion comes from God and to God be all the glory and the honor and the praise!"

-Bro. Hugh Hairston

"The Lord delivered me from alcohol and drugs four months before I came to church, but I still felt empty inside. Then someone witnessed to me in a restaurant. I kept the church card in my pocket and showed up a month later at Spirit and Truth. I was baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost 3 days later. I no longer felt empty and have been going to church for about 4 yrs now."

-Bro. Brock Hall

BIRTHDAYS

Tabitha Robinson - Aug 1
Ernestine Johnson - Aug 4
Sharon Martinez - Aug 6
Mia Garrett - Aug 9
DeWitt Edwards - Aug 14
Frank Bates - Aug 17
Rhonda Trotman - Aug 19
Stacie Felt - Aug 21
Gloria Pate - Aug 24
Mollie Smith - Aug 26

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sis. Peebles
Bro. Anthony
Bro. Hugh
Sis. Jane
LaVern Watson
Christopher Culver and his unit
who are in Afghanistan



Overcome by the word of your
testimony (Rev 12:11)! Share what the
Lord has done for you...you may
change somebody's life!