Four Facts of Faith

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Faithistry 1 Tim

Joe Sawyer Head of extension Evangelism. His wife Beth Died with Cancer.

Dad Missionary to China.

Leading authority on expedition to find the Ark in Turkey.

People praying around the Clock for her. She quoted promises from the Bible. yet she died such faith.

Peru 1970 May 50,000 People killed in Earthquake

Reporter said. 2 people alive and God did not hear them

Siogon. 2 years ago Poor people dying of Meningites in little shacks.

little boy said. Can't God do anything about that

1. Everyone has had times when we have wondered why God doesn't answer prayer

Illust Sunday School teacher confided to pastor. I've almost given up on prayer.
Daughter went wrong.

Four facts about faith

1. Faith sometimes changes our circumstances.
V 29 ~~of~~ 35 A
God is a miracle working God:
God is the same yesterday today and forever.

2. Faith sometimes does not change our circumstances.
2 classes of people
1, ~~some~~ God did mighty miracles for
2 Ones God sincerely did not.

V 35 B

Zechariah stoned
Minor prophet encouraged rebuilding the temple.
God
Faith saver assunder

53 ch, Isaiah 700
years before Christ
a great man of faith

180 BC Emperor
killed 80,000 people
in Jerusalem.
where was God.

Rome thousands of
Christians thrown to
lions.
God was still with
those that died and
suffered the same as those
who were delivered.

3. Faith never judges
God.
We have a philosophy today
that if God works great
miracles for you you are a
Person of Great faith but
if not, you are not.

Rom 8: V 28 V 31
all things work.

V 31.

V 35 – 39

Circumstances never need separate the Child of God from God.

Heb. Ch. 13. V 5 – 6

Faith does not become bewilded by the circumstances but is excited by the promises of God.

V 6. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Faith is realizing God is in Controll.

What really count does your faith still take hold of God.

4. Faith always leads to ultimate victory.

Illust. John Baptist in prison. asked if Jesus was the messiah.

Jesus said: Blessed is he that not offended in me.

God's Jewels M.T.

Malachi 3: 8-18 Mozomech-
1-18-89

This scripture speaks of the tragedy of robbing God and the blessings that come from giving freely to God.

1. V 10 Open windows of heaven

2. V. 11 Rebuke the devourer
Poor crops Russians have had.

3. V 12 all nations call you blessed
a delightsome land

3 V 16 spoke often with each other
name in the book of remembrance

4. V 17 Gods jewels
from wealth of God

Rev. 21. V 4
all tears wiped away.
no death, no sorrow or
crying. no pain.

Ch 19-7-9
Marriage supper of the lamb.
Sit down at God's table
and be served by him.
It will be worth it all

Livermore
1-28-92

A Life With Wings.

M.T. 9-88

Scripture Ezekiel 36:26, 27
Is 40:31
P. 11

Intro. Hearts of birds are heavier in proportion than other animals. Why, because they spend a lot of time flying. They soar above the other animals and get a much better view

Illust. Rabbits in a cage have small hearts wild ones are large.

Dr. said my mother had an enlarged heart why caring for us

I If this is true of the physical is it not true of the spiritual realm.

a. a spiritual life rises above the mere earthly and sensual. Illus. Enoch

b. a lofty life lived in the presence and fellowship of God. Ps. David - Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Illus. Steven. Paul - Philippians R. Joice

C. a life with a larger outlook — for loftiness enables us to take a broader outlook on things.

D. That can only be done by possessing a larger heart than we have by nature.

Everyone testifies

little, selfish, critical envious, hateful

E. If my life is to be a life with wings, I am to mount up in soul to God daily and live in the clear atmosphere of God's presence. I must have a larger heart.

Sometimes it may seem your heart will burst from the hurt of friends or loved ones who have

been so little and selfish and dispitefully used you It will take a great heart to keep out all resentment and bitterness

Poem of Trust.

5. We must not have a stony heart. stones wear away. a heart of flesh enlarges.

6. God will enlarge our heart. When we keep His Commandments

Psa 119: 32 "I will run in the way of thy Commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart." When we do His will we are not afraid to trust.

Jesus said. lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest.

the life with wings
has its source of
strenght from waiting
on the Lord in Prayer.
Mount up with wings
as eagles. Is. 40:31

Paul said: The love
of christ constraineth
us. stones, prison,
beatings, forsaken.
He allowed nothing
to hinder his great heart,
no bitterness no jealousy.
no strife. He faithfully
preached the Gospel
even when none seemed to care.
Joy in Philippians.
Lent another in law.
David Livingstone
Heart buried in africa.
Body in westminister abbey
in England.

Poem Kindness

Prayer Meeting MT. NAZARENE CH
Acts 10:38 1-29-86

He went about ~~everywhere~~
doing good. Why?
anointed by God: ~~filled~~ with
the Holy Ghost ~~and with power~~
How? as a Boy Luke 2:52
Did He do good?
He saw the needs of the
people. as sheep having no shepherd.
Mk 6:34 { sheep without a shepherd get into lots of trouble

He had Compassion
He deeply felt their needs.
the multitudes loved Him
5000

He had a message of hope
Luke 4:22.
1. the gracious words that
proceeded out of His mouth
In my Father's house are many
mansions.
He rejoiced with them

Jesus wept. John 11:35

He entered into their sorrows.
Mary + Martha

Who dying Himself He
Luke 23:43

had sympathy for the

thief on the Cross
Who He felt God had forsaken
Him.

The question for us.

How much are we like

Him?

Are we always doing good?
or just finding fault?

Do we see the needs of
others? or just our own needs.

Do we have compassion?
or are we unconcerned.

Do we have a message of
Hope? or are we lost in gloom

Do people hear gracious words from us?
or are we always grumbling and complaining:
Do we rejoice with others? or are we jealous of their good fortune
Do we weep when others are in pain or sorrow?

all this is being Christ like:
anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit

owensboro
Calvary
Wesleyan
Scrip. Jer. 6:16
Argentine, Santa Fe Trail
Ask for the Old Paths
August 8 10-30-85 P.M.T. Nazarene
Liverpool Day
2-16 Morgantown
11-9-80
Jeremiah 6:16
Oldest
Soul needs rest
without Christ it cannot
find rest but is like the
~~troubled sea that cast~~
~~up mire and dirt~~
~~not being~~ ~~sure you are on~~
~~the right road~~ very distress
The good way is that which
has been trodden by the saints
from the beginning it is
the old way, the way
of faith and holiness

I It is the way of faith,
repentance and confession
of sin. Jesus said "except
ye repent, ye shall perish."
Oldest. The old mourners bench.
John the Baptist preaching

II It is the way of
restitution
The story of Zaccheus.
making wrongs right
asking forgiveness brings
revival. man putting tools in lunch
boy
Oldest. Man in Louisville
making payments to stores
for things he had stolen.

III It is a way of humbleness
1 Peter 5:5 Be clothed
with humility: for God
resisteth the proud, and
giveth grace to the humble.
1 Peter 3:3-5 Whose adorning let
it not be that outward adorning
of plaiting the hair, and of
wearing of gold, or of putting
on of apparel; But let it
be the hidden man of the heart,
in that which is not corruptible,
even the ornament of a meek
and quiet spirit, which is
in the sight of God of great
price. For after this manner
in old time the holy women
also, who trusted in God,
adorned themselves, being in
subjection unto their own
husbands.
v 7. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell
with them according to knowledge,
giving honour unto the wife
as unto the weaker vessel,
and as being heirs together of

the space of life: that your
prayers be not hindered.
V8. Finally be ye all of one
mind, having compassion one
of another, love as brethren,
be pitiful, be courteous. Holiness
Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness Ps 29:2
IV It is the way of Holiness
Isaiah 35:8 and an
highway shall be there, and
a way, and it shall be
called the way of holiness;
the unclean shall not pass
over it; but it shall be
for those: the wayfaring
men, though fools, shall not
err therein.
She only safe way
V It is the way that
leads to heaven and eternal peace and rest
Heb. 12:14 Follow peace
with all men, and holiness,
without which no man
shall see the Lord:
Conclusion
Jeremiah weeping for his people
ye shall find rest for your souls

The key to life abundant. MT 8-77
10-80

Prov. 4:23
Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life.
Prov. 23-7 For as he thinketh in his heart so is he
Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
Intro: out of the heart can proceed. love joy peace longsuffering, gentleness etc or, as in Mt. 15:19 evil thoughts, murders, adulteries fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.
the heart is the fountain
Illust. when a spring of water.
How to keep the heart.
I Follow the steps of Jesus.
II Recognize the enemy.
Put on the whole armor of God.

II Be filled with the spirit
make a complete surrender
let self die. Ill. Brengle
If we live in the spirit we shall not fulfill
the deed of the flesh.

III put a watch on your
lips.

IV Watch and pray.
Prov. 23-17 let not thine
heart envy sinners but
be thou in the fear of the Lord
all the day long.

V Forgive
we must forgive in order to please
God.
If you forgive not men neither
will you heavenly father forgive
you.

VI Confession
is good for the Soul.
makes for a happy home.
Saying I'm sorry.
makes for a good church
Jesus said By this shall
all men know that ye are my
Disciples if ye have love one toward
another

The Good Samaritan MT 74

Luke 10: 25-37 Song — 102

V. 33 "and When he saw him he had compassion on him."

V. 37 "Go and do thou likewise.

Intro. Jericho six hundred feet below the mediterranean

Bandits stripped and left for dead

the Road so dangerous called the red road.

I. priest. Twelve thousand priests lived in Jericho.

By chance.

A passed by on the other side

II Levite looked and passed by on the other side.

III Samaritan

Had compassion

Samaritan type of Christ.
Wounded by sin.
Despised and rejected of men.

IV V. 37. Go and do thou likewise

Conclusion:
To go with compassion is the mark of a true follower of Jesus.

The name Samaritan
has changed its meaning because
of one man.

The word America has
meant much.
The Christian
the ugly.

your church.

your family

your name.
Florence nightingale
angel of mercy.

The Excellent Way

Livermore 3-1-92 MT. 1-79

Script 1 Cor. 12: 28-31 404

Ch 13

Text 12: 31 "But covet earnestly the best gifts and yet show I unto you a more excellent way."

There is a way that seemeth right but the end thereof is death. This way is a way of self-seeking - power grasping

Intro There is nothing wrong with desiring the best gifts but all is lost if love is not present.

How does love manifest itself.

I V 4 Suffereth long and is kind.

It is easy to love those those love you

~~Be ye kind one to another tender hearted forgiving one another~~

2 V 4 Envieth not.

Pharisees and Jewish leaders crucified Jesus.

3 V 4 not puffed up. Proud Pride of face

Does not boast " " place

go upon melt tree " " Grace.

3 V5 Not selfish Seeketh not her own.
Example
Not take people to Church because you might get your car dirty.

V5 Not easily provoked.
Doesn't carry a chip on it's shulder.
Doesn't always get its feelings hurt.

V5 Thinketh no evil.
Jossing and thinking up bad things about people.
Scrambling

V6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity
Rejoiceth in the truth
Example: I knew he wouldn't hold out.

V7. Beareth all things
Believeth all things hopeth all things endureth all things
no matter what comes you over come

III Why so important
V8 Charity (love) never faileth.

Conclusion

Your gifts and talents may be few. but if love prevails you will never fail the Lord or others.

God is love. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love.

Jesus said
a new commandment.
John 13:34 "a new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another".

and faithful

Colony of Family Blessings MT 9:13-81
Wellington 10-26-84

Script Reading Ps. 128 Dedication Service
6-12-94 for Marvin Lewis Dedication
work & Melinda for Byron and
Text: Ps. 127:3 daughter Grace Angelo
5 days old. Ruth.

Children are an heritage of the Lord.

Into of all the things that God has intrusted us with on this Earth, the most valuable is the life of a child and building a Christian home. Those who realize this and live accordingly are blessed of God.

In these days of the murdering of children by abortion we need to remember the sacred trust God has given us, the caring and rearing of children. The future of the world tomorrow lies in the hands of the mothers and fathers of today. If we as parents live for God and righteousness God will bless. Ps. 37:6

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it;

2: Jesus warned against despising them. Mt. 18:10 "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."
Illust. guarding angel

3 Jesus warned against turning a child away from God. Mt 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

4. Isaiah Prophesies of Jesus.
Isaiah 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

5. an example of a godly mother 1 Samuel.
Hannah. husband Elkanah.
Hers was not a selfish love.
Gave him to God and he gave himself for the nation of Israel.

The Importance of Fathers

Script. Gen. 18:19 MT. 79.

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgement."

Intro. Man was first created then the women. God ordained that they should live together, be fruitful and replenish the earth. Children are the heritage of the Lord.

Fathers and mothers each have their unique role in this life.

It has been said. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

If that hand is a murderer we have a sad world.

A father must take responsibility as well as the mother. We have so many one parent families today

<u>A fathers responsibility</u>

1. To guide the home in the right way. like abraham. like Noah.

2. To love and care for his wife and children.

3. To be the final authority on discipline.

4. Family prayers
at table
Worship.
Church attendance
Word of God.
Deut. 6:7-9

and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Song: Faith of our Fathers P. 360

Morgantown 6-19-88
Morgan

How to be a good Father

Cloverport. M-T. 6-7-8
6-21-87

Script. Psalms 103: 1-13 (has compassion)

V 13 "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him."

Intro. I want to mention several important things in being a good father.

I He cares for the needs of his family.

A He works hard to be a good provider.

B. I illust. facing the hard knocks in the business world.

Jm 5:18 Daniel 7 provide for his family
he is worse than an infidel.

II plans for the future of his family.

1. Good education: trying them to meet life and have good jobs. How to work. etc.

2. Happiness in this life and in the life to come.

Spur
Example Job. Broke pointer
Didn't leave it up to his wife
every day for his children
3. a good father a praying father is never
satisfied until all the
children are saved and
living for the Lord.

III Takes leadership in
disopline Abraham. God said I know him that he will command his children after me.
The Bible says foolishness
is bound in the heart of
a child but the rod of
correction will drive it
far from him. A father
must see that a child
learns obedience.

He didn't give up when
things got hard.
1. lost everything
2. Wife turned against him.
3. friends failed him. found
fault.

IV We must set a good example.
1. Illust: Dad, I'll be like you. Like father, like son.
Steps in the snow.

V We must love.
The most important of all, without love all the rest would fall for shorts. Encourage don't just put down.
Love never faileth.

not money, lawless people come from homes where there is love and respect for one another.

Poem

Holiness

Song 495

M.T. 69

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Rom 12

Text V. 1, 2 I Beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. and be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Introduction:

Holiness is wholly following the Lord.

I present your bodies.

A our bodies is the instrument used to do the will of the mind and soul.

1. the feet can walk to church, they can take you to a friends house, Help you drive a car. Yes or brake.

carry the messenger of the gospel. "How beautiful are the feet of them that bring the gospel of peace." Paul traveled on foot. Jesus also. David Livingstone

Big Shovel of Paradise

2. The hands. can do many things. Watchwatch, fly airoplane. turn pages of book. Steal from someone. shake hands in friendship "The touch of His hand on mine." Playing instrument the hand of a mother on my fevered bed. the hand that clasped the companion in marriage.

lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting.

3. The ears are for listening to the good and the bad some things we can not help listing too others we can help.

listen to the word of God. Rather than the T V and radio.

3 Eyes will see the good and the bad.
If thine eye offend thee pluck it out.
eyes help you to enjoy the Beatiful Christmas lights all good things God has provided. To read God word. to read letters from a friend. to see the needs of others
Some tear in the eye. the ~~Sad~~ness the grief

4. The mouth and voice. can bless or curse.
The words of a friend are as a honey comb. Called my wife last night
Words of love. mothers love. singing her baby to sleep. Singing the praises of God. Go Bro. Shea
the messenger of the Gospel.
Witnessing for Christ.
Praying. testifying.

our bodies ~~are~~ is God's temple
lets keep it fit for
the masters use.