



Sunday Worship 1-23-22

Sermon Series: DeConstruction or Construction?

TEXT for Today:

1 Timothy 1:18-19

18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

Our Vision for 2022 is that this HOUSE becomes a HOUSE of HEALING!

The meaning:

Deconstruction is the process of questioning, doubting, and ultimately rejecting aspects of the Christian faith.

Quote:

“Every sort of deconversion story is like a recipe — it’s never simplistic, it’s never just one reason,” He says. “It’s usually a combination of ingredients, preparation, and environment.”

~ John Marriott

We must challenge ourselves:

- Be strong in faith even when you feel affirmation all around you...
- Be on guard to not compromise when the pressure is on...
- Lose it over things you really should be prepared for...

HOW DOES SOMEONE BEGIN TO DOUBT GOD OR HAVE SKEPTICISM IN THEIR FAITH?

1. They seek a \_\_\_\_\_ answer to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

a. James 1:21-25 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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2. They are challenged by \_\_\_\_\_ and liberal \_\_\_\_\_ and end up fighting the \_\_\_\_\_ fight.

If we are not careful we will fight our faith instead of fighting in faith.

a. Colossians 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

WHAT MUST WE DO TO OVERCOME DOUBT AND SKEPTICISM?

1. We must deal with being \_\_\_\_\_.

a. 1 Timothy 1:19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

WHAT MUST WE DO TO OVERCOME DOUBT AND SKEPTICISM?

2. We must remember our \_\_\_\_\_ so we will fight the \_\_\_\_\_ battle.

a. 1 Timothy 1:18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well,

b. 2 Timothy 1:9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time-to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

c. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

#### WHAT MUST WE DO TO OVERCOME DOUBT AND SKEPTICISM?

3. We must hold on to our \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_.

a. 1 Timothy 1:19 holding on to faith and a good conscience...

b. Psalm 51:10-12 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

#### Conclusion:

What are you fighting?

Your flesh?

Your faith?

Fight the good fight in your faith!

#### Reflection:

If we use our mental strength to fight doubt, unbelief, and the interference of the world, we will become tired and a huge target for the attack of the enemy.

Use your mental strength to read and study God's Word, then your faith fight will not wear you out! The Lord will fight those battles!