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**Last Sunday I talked about;**

**Gods Nature:**

*In Hebrews Heb. 1:3*

*And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

*According John 14:9 He said if we have seen Him, then we have seen the Father.*

Jesus did exactly what He saw His Father do

Jesus showed us that **God is love.**

We talked about the old testament Law

Most people believe God gave the Law to show us what we needed to do to obtain relationship with Him.

But the Law was never intended to bring us into relationship with our heavenly Father.

It was given to show us how unholy we were so we would despair of trying to earn salvation and just receive it as a gift by faith.

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It was to turn us from self-righteousness to a faith-righteousness that could only come through a Savior.

*Rom. 10:3-4*

*3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.*

*4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

*A few weeks before I talked about How powerful your words are.*

When God speaks,

**His words are binding—they're like an unbreakable contract.**

He always says exactly what He means, He never lies, and He never says, "Whoops, I've changed My mind."

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*Hebrews is telling us “Upholding all things by the word of his power,”*

*Psalm 89:34 says, I will not violate My covenant, Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.*

This entire universe is being held together by the power of God’s words.

It was His word that created the earth and every living thing on it, and by His words, He created Adam and Eve.

**He didn’t make them or any part of this world with His hands; He spoke it all into existence.**

Then, after creating all of this, He said, in Gen. 1:28

*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

He gave absolute dominion to Adam and Eve.

When He said “I give you authority and dominion,”

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**He took His power—His right to rule and control the earth—and gave it to physical human beings.**

In a sense, He **excluded Himself** from ruling over the earth.

*So there is the nature of God, who is true LOVE, there is no law and you cannot earn his love, authority, gifts, anointing so please stop trying.*

*Then there is the Power of your Words, that God gave you, when you speak it absolutely matter, words have destroyed families and have made them strong!*

*Today Is Pentecost Sunday, This is when the outpouring of the Holy Ghost happened and it filled the upper room and they were gifted the power of God the Holy spirit.*

*He was with them and the comforter was in them and they went to the world filled with the Holy Ghost!*

*Proverbs 18:16 says a mans gift will make room for them and put them in the presence of greatness!*

*I want to talk about staying Positive in such a negative world around us.....*

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If you haven't noticed that we live in a negative world,

you look around turn on the TV, open up your new's app or social media app and you will see Negative everywhere

These negative influences have been evident since sin entered the world.

From natural disasters to presidential elections to a global pandemic,

it's no wonder so many people struggle with expressing hope.

Not to mention sickness, the loss of jobs, and economies oh my, or marriage problems.

You can see where, over time, the pressures of the world, if allowed, can steal the love and joy from your life.

**But God** has other plans...

In ***Matthew 24:12***,

***Jesus said this: "And because iniquity (immoral or grossly unfair behavior)***

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***shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” He said this would be a characteristic of the end times.***

**Jesus was saying that the negative things going on around us—not necessarily in us—would cause the love of many to grow cold.**

The word “**waxed**” used in this scripture is really significant.

It goes back to the way candles are made.

A wick is dipped into hot wax and then taken out and allowed to cool for a few seconds, leaving a thin layer of wax.

The process is repeated hundreds of times until the wick is buried deep within the wax.

The thicker the candle the longer it burns...

The same is true with the heart.

**If we take our eyes off Jesus and focus on the evil of this world and our circumstances, then, little by little, the**

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layers of negativity harden around our hearts, and the **love for God** and others waxes cold.

**So, how do we stay positive in a negative world?**

Let me start by using this verse from

***Joshua 1:9—***

***Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”***

Here, the Lord was speaking to Joshua, who was taking over for Moses—a hard act to follow to say the least....

**He told Joshua to be strong and of good courage and not to be afraid or dismayed.**

**These are opposing forces.**

If you are afraid and dismayed, then you are not strong and of good courage.

They counteract each other.

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So, you've got to do two things and resist two things.

The word *dismay* means "to fill with dread or apprehension."

Can you say you have fought apprehension ("to anticipate with anxiety,") about the future?

Have the problems facing you or the nation seemed daunting (intimidating or discouraging ?

If so, you have been dismayed.

**The Lord doesn't automatically do these things for you—He flows through you.**

**If you get discouraged or dismayed, you stop the process.**

It says in *Ephesians 3:20*,

***Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,***



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**The phrase “*according to*” means in proportion to or to the degree of the power that is working in you.**

God flows through people. If you become discouraged, you stop the flow of God’s power.

This is why Pentecost happened, God wanted to be able to flow through you and with you, The manifestation of the Holy Spirit is the greatest gift God could give, That is why Jesus came....

Here’s another example. In 1 Samuel, we read the story of a terrible situation that David was facing.

His father-in-law, Saul, was trying to kill him.

He had been running for his life every day for thirteen years.

His possessions had been burned, his wives and all of the wives and children of his men had been taken, and his own men wanted to stone him.

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Not a great environment!

Yet it says in **1 Samuel 30:6**,

***Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.***

Things looked bleak. David was in a situation where everything in the natural said “Be discouraged and dismayed,” but David encouraged himself in the Lord.

Do you know how he did it?

He took the Word and began to encourage himself, and it was only a matter of hours until all God had promised him came to pass and he became king.

If he had given in at that last minute, he would have lost.

I see a lot of people today who stand for a period of time and then quit.

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It's like there are limits on how long they're going to believe God.

You might be thinking, *Well, how long am I supposed to stand?*

The answer is simple. **You stand on the Word of God and His promises until you're encouraged and it works.**

**Don't quit!**

Lego and Reena are building a new home and have a new job in fact a few new jobs. A few months ago, He was out of work and He was in a horrible accident!

What if they gave up? They kept standing on the Word of God and the word that was given to them by God....

Peter is a good example of what happens when we take our eyes off Jesus and His Word.

***Matthew 14:28-30 says,***

***28 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."***

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***29 And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.***

***30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”***

**As soon as Peter got his eyes off Jesus and looked at the stormy sea, he began to sink.**

Think about that—he couldn’t have walked on the water if the sea had been perfectly calm.

**All that really happened was his focus changed.**

Instead of focusing on the promise of Jesus—His command to come—Peter focused on the circumstances, and that is why he began to sink.

If you can maintain your focus on Jesus and His Word in the midst of a storm, you can walk on the water of circumstance.

**When the doctor says you have cancer, your boss tells you you’re being laid**

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**off, or your spouse says they're leaving, you can still stay positive.**

It will take a deliberate effort, but it is absolutely crucial.

**You need to recognize that Satan is using the evil and negative things of this world to discourage you, even if they are not your personal problems.**

You can get discouraged watching politics, reading your apps, and listening to the news.

If you don't resist this, it will cause you to be discouraged and dismayed, and worst of all, your love for God to grow cold.

***The Bible says in Isaiah 26:3 that the Lord will “keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed” upon Him because he trusts in Him.***

Our peace is linked directly to what we think.

We are plugged into this world like no group of Christians has ever been—reading, listening, and watching the same

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ungodliness as the world and then wondering why we get the same results.

It's simple—garbage in, garbage out.

I'm telling you, **unless you have a deliberate plan to encourage yourself in the Lord, you aren't going to be encouraged.**

I pray in tongues all the time!

It is not normal to be encouraged; it's normal to be discouraged.

It's abnormal to be strong and of good courage, but you can do it!

Pentecost released the infilling of the Holy Spirit, with Gods true nature of His pure love, and the power of your words blended together with encouraging yourself with the positivity of Jesus all around you!

God's Word will tell you exactly how to do it.