

State of Your Faith 1/13/21

Unveiling Me: We Are God's Work

Trying to use faith for selfish ambition does not work. How are you going to use something of God in the world? Faith is a weapon against worldly desires, so how can you use faith to advance your worldly ambitions?

God's plan for your life was developed long before you were born.

God will use the people in your life to bless you. Likewise, God will use you to bless the people around you.

Psalm 90:17 – “And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.”

This should be our prayer as well. This is what we should be striving for: Whatever we do, let us do it to bring God glory.

Luke 6:46-49 – “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord’ when you don’t do what I say?”

- Why do you say you’re a Christian while you’re out in the world bringing chaos and disorder everywhere you go?
- When you’re representing God, you have to actually act out what you claim to believe.

“I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it.”

- Your life will turn around for the better when you put your words into action and actually follow God’s direction. When you start listening to God’s voice and implementing his plan for your life, there is no limit to what he can accomplish through you. Then you will

become the person Christ is talking about in this verse, and other people will be able to see God through your testimony.

- It's not about being perfect. Show me a perfect Christian, and I'll show you a perfect liar. As **1 John 1:8** says, "If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth."

"It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."

- It's not easy to perform the impossible. When you are walking in faith, you are about to do something impossible. If it were easy, everyone would do it.

1 Samuel 3:7-9 – "Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before. So the Lord called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. 'Here I am. Did you call me?' Then Eli realized it was the Lord who was calling the boy. So he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed."

Too often when God calls us, we run to someone else. When Jonah got his mission from God, he ran in the opposite direction.

There is someone out there who needs to hear from God. God wants to use you to reach the people around you, but you might be making yourself unavailable to God by avoiding following his call.

God wants to use you. God wants to use the "you" that he formed in your mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5). This is the original you, not the version of you that was corrupted by the distractions of the world.

Ephesians 4:24-28 – “Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And don’t sin by letting anger control you. Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil. If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.”

It’s not about being perfect. It’s about walking in your divine purpose. As we read in Psalm 90:17, we must ask God to establish the work of our hands for us.

It doesn’t matter where you came from. Your mistakes do not disqualify you; the mistakes you made in the past do not mean God cannot work through you today. But only you can own up to the mistakes you made and let God work through you now.