

State of Your Faith 1/8/21

The Road of Faith: A Promise is a Promise

Joshua 1:9 – “This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Too often we think that it's enough to go to church on Sunday but fail to pick up a Bible throughout the week. You need to develop a personal relationship with God and get to know him and his Word for yourself.

The road of faith is difficult. There will be times when you get discouraged and want to give up. But the Lord is trying to encourage you to continue on this path, to be strong and courageous, because he is with you.

Romans 11:28-29 – “Many of the people of Israel are now enemies of the Good News, and this benefits you Gentiles. Yet they are still the people he loves because he chose their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn.”

You have to move beyond religion, beyond knowing of God, to knowing God for yourself. Then when difficulties come, you will not drown because you're holding onto the promises of God.

The promise is always there. We just have to show up to receive it. It doesn't matter how long it takes for you to receive grace; the Lord's promises remain the same, and He can still work in and through your life.

Romans 10:16-17 – “But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, ‘Lord, who has believed our message?’ So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.”

The Lord knew the plans he had for your life when he knit you together in your mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5; 29:11). His promises never change. He's not going to withdraw his promise from you, but you have to show up to receive it for yourself.

Zechariah 9:11-12 – “Because of the covenant I made with you, sealed with blood, I will free your prisoners from death in a waterless dungeon. Come back to the place of safety, all you prisoners who still have hope! I promise this very day that I will repay two blessings for each of your troubles.”

God's promise is that we will have eternal life. He allowed his Son to be stretched out on a cross and die for us, and because of this, we will have a place next to him in eternity. But first, you have to believe. You have to have faith.

2020 was a hard year for all of us, but God wants you to still have hope. He promised to repay you double blessings for each of your troubles, and his promises never fade away. He just wants you to stay on this road of faith and maintain your hope and your trust in Him.