



FAITH UNDER FIRE

Faith Under Fire - a Sermon by Ps Tim Healy 21st August 2016

INTRODUCTION

Faith is a battle. Our enemy always seek to undermine our confidence in God. At some point in your journey of faith, your faith is going to come under fire. At some point your confidence in God will be challenge. What do we do when our faith is being pulled into doubt? Ps Tim Healy shared about what happen to David when he was on the run, and when his faith in God was being under fire.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Bad Stuff Happens! Bad Stuff happens to bad people, Bad stuff happens to good people, Bad stuff happens to God's people too. Can you share your story where out of the blue, something bad happen to you?
2. Tell us how you processed that situation with your closed one, how you processed that situation with God.
3. Read 1 Samuel 30: 1-10. David was in difficult situation, and he was deeply distressed because of this unfortunate events that happen to him and his followers.
4. Three things that David did when his faith under fire. Firstly, David encouraged himself in the Lord. (v6) Faith fans the fire of courage. Get alone with God and articulate the promises of God. "Lord you haven't abandoned me in the situation but you are with me." Master the art of conversation with your own soul. Encourage/strengthen yourself.
 - Have you ever encourage someone when they are going through hard times? Share your story.
 - How did you encourage yourself in God, when you're going through tough times?
5. David inquires the Lord. V8. Faith turns to God for direction. David does not ask God "Why?" God doesn't answer the why question- God understands that we don't have the capacity to understand the why. If you want to hear from God you've got to learn to ask the right questions- God what do you want me to do now? A lot of people are looking for answers instead of looking for truth. "What now God?" "How do you want me to respond?"
 - Why is it easier for us to ask the question "why", rather than "what now God"? Tell us an example from your experience.
6. Vs10. Faith trusts and obeys. Our God has the ability to take the very circumstance that the devil wants to use to finish us off can be the means God uses to refresh you. It requires us to trust and obey. He can turn it around for His glory and your goodness
 - How can the group pray for you for your current situation? Please share and pray for one another

MOVING FORWARD

When your faith is under fire

- Encourage yourself in the Lord
- Turn to God for direction. Instead of asking God "why", ask him "What now, God"
- Trust and Obey God.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses" 1 Tim 6:12