Like Precious Faith

Ken Chapman · 2 Peter 1:1

INTRODUCTION

- Peter, in addressing the saints, told them that he had a faith just like theirs.
- There's not a subject more important in all the world to the faithful Christian than faith.
- Faith is something that permeates every day of our lives. Every facet of our lives, every relationship of our lives is dictated by our faith.

1 A Like Faith of Equal Standing

2 Peter 1:1; Matthew 19:27–30; Matthew 20:1–16

- To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours.
- That's the man who wrote to these people, just like you and I, and would say, You've obtained a faith of equal standing with mine.
- What Jesus is talking about here is not inequity and unfairness, but what he's talking about here is equality in Christ Jesus.
- The first shall be last and the last shall be first. Why? Because they're the same. The reward is the same.
- You have a faith of equal standing that will receive an equal reward.

2 The Faith That Binds Us Together

- We're bound together with Peter and Paul and the other apostles because of our faith.
- We have found a group of people who, despite our many differences and sometimes disagreements, can put all of those things aside.
- Ultimately all that matters is the faith that binds us together.
- Number one is we will not let anything else divide us.

3 A Trusting Faith

2 Timothy 1:12

- Many times the word translated faith in our New Testament could equally be translated trust.
- This New Testament faith, this faith that we have in common is this undying, unwavering trust.
- For this reason I suffer these things. Nevertheless, I'm not ashamed, for I know.
- True faith is an absolute trust that I trust, I know, and I am convinced.

4 An Enduring Faith

- Hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized.
- For the child of God, every one of those has life long application and implication.

- There was one point in my life in which I believed and responded to the gospel. Misses the New Testament concept of belief, doesn't it? That this is a life.

5 An Obedient Faith

James 2

- Obedient faith is what God demands and requires of us.
- If you don't have a trusting faith, if you don't have an enduring faith, and if yours is not an obedient faith, then you don't have a faith like Peter did.

6 A Precious Faith

Matthew 11:20–24

- It is precious. It's to be valued. It's to be guarded. Because it's so rare.
- These cities, these people, these occupants of these cities saw the mighty works of God, the same ones that Peter saw. And they didn't believe.
- Our faith is precious because it's rare. It's precious because our salvation depends upon it.
- It's precious because time has taught you over and over again it's what will bring you through the crises of life.

THE CHALLENGE

See your faith for what it's worth. Guard it with your life. Value it with your heart. And live it in your soul.

MY NOTES