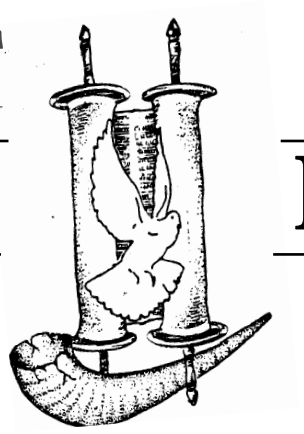
GELOOF FAITH

In Die Woord In The Word



Geloof is uit die gehoor en die gehoor is deur die Woord van God Rom. 10:17

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Rom. 10:17

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DIE ANTWOORD OP ALLES

Die God wat ons beveel om Hom te gehoorsaam, is ook getrou om vir ons te wys hoe.

Die eerste stap om wyse besluite te neem, is om te leer wie God is en wat Hy belowe het. Sommige Christene dink die Here is bo in die hemel en speel wegkruipertjie met Sy wil vir ons lewe, asof Hy dit vir ons moeilik probeer maak om die regte skuif uit te vind. Daardie persepsie van Hom pas egter nie by Sy karakter soos geopenbaar in die Skrif nie. In Psalm 32:8 maak die Here hierdie belofte aan sy kinders: "Ek sal jou onderrig en jou leer die weg wat jy moet gaan; Ek sal jou raad gee my oog sal op jou wees." As volgelinge van Christus kan ons met vertroue Sy duidelike leiding vir elke situasie in die lewe verwag.

Die Skrif is gevul met voorbeelde van God wat Sy volk lei: Abraham het opdrag gekry om sy land te verlaat en na 'n land te gaan wat die Here vir hom sou wys (Genesis 12:1); in die opdrag om die Israeliete te lei, het Moses baie duidelike opdragte by die brandende bos ontvang (Eksodus 3:1-22); en in die Nuwe Testament het Jesus die presiese die ligging van blinde Saulus geopenbaar sodat Ananias gebruik kon word om sy sig te herstel (Hand. 9:10-18). Alhoewel dit onwaarskynlik sou wees dat ons vandag op dieselfde manier van God sal hoor, toon hierdie voorbeelde dat Hy daartoe verbind is om Sy kinders se lewens te lei.

Vandag praat die Here met ons deur sy geskrewe Woord. Soms wil ons God se leiding oor 'n saak hê, maar is ons onwillig om te leer wat Hy reeds vir ons in Sy Woord gesê het. Tog is dit die bron wat ons moet raadpleeg. Alhoewel die Bybel dalk nie 'n direkte antwoord op ons spesifieke vraag bied nie, bevat dit baie beginsels en voorbeelde wat ons kan lei. Dit gesê, ons moet versigtig wees om nie 'n Skrifgedeelte te dwing om by ons situasie in te pas om dit wat ons begeer te regverdig nie.

Dit is noodsaaklik vir ons om te weet wat God in Sy Woord gesê het—as ons in direkte oortreding van een van Sy opdragte wandel, kan ons nie verwag dat Hy dit oor die hoof sal sien en ons leiding sal gee op 'n ander gebied nie. God se Woord is soos 'n vuur wat die waardelose kaf in ons lewe wegbrand sodat ons in 'n posisie kan wees dat Hy ons gebede kan beantwoord. Soos ons ons gedagtes met Sy waarheid vul, verander Hy ons denke om by Syne te pas sodat ons

duidelik kan onderskei wat Hy wil hê ons moet doen. Dan kan ons met vertroue bid, wetende dat Hy belowe om te doen wat ons ook al vra as dit in ooreenstemming met Sy wil is (1 Johannes 5:14-15).

Die Heilige Gees is ons Leidsman. Jesus het belowe om ’n Helper te stuur en sê: “Wanneer Hy kom, die Gees van die waarheid, sal Hy julle in die hele waarheid lei” (Johannes 16:13). Die Heilige Gees interpreteer nie net God se Woord vir ons nie; Hy prik ook ons gewete wanneer ons die verkeerde rigting inslaan en gee ons 'n gevoel van vrede wanneer ons die regte pad volg. Elke keer as ons gehoorsaam is aan die Gees se aansporings, verskerp Hy ons gewete en persepsie sodat ons meer ingestel is op Sy leiding.

Ons het veral die Gees se leiding nodig wanneer die besluit nie 'n kwessie van reg en verkeerd is nie. Byvoorbeeld, 'n paar jaar gelede het ek vorentoe beweeg in 'n rigting wat reg gelyk het en na God se wil gelyk het. Ek het egter kort-kort 'n bietjie ongemaklik gevoel. Aangesien ek so ver in die proses was, het ek aangehou, maar elke dag het die gevoel toegeneem totdat ek die plan laat vaar het. Alhoewel die rigting reg gelyk het, het die Gees my gewaarsku dat dit óf nie God se doel was nie óf nie die regte tyd nie.

Om God se duidelike instruksies te ontvang, moet ons oppas vir slaggate. Soms staan ons begeertes in die pad. Gestel iets in 'n winkel of aanlyn lyk baie aantreklik. Jy stel jou voor hoe wonderlik dit sal wees om dit te besit, en hoe meer dit jou gedagtes oorheers, hoe groter word jou begeerte. Kort voor lank kan jy nie eers die Gees se stem hoor nie, want jou verstand en hart het reeds die besluit geneem. Die oplossing is om daardie begeerte tot 'n punt van neutraliteit te bring deur dit aan die Here oor te gee. Hoe meer jy los, hoe swakker sal die houvas daarvan word, totdat jy weer begeer wat God wil hê.

Pasop vir ongeduld. Wanneer 'n besluit dringend lyk, wil ons hê dat God dadelik 'n antwoord gee. Ons mag dalk oor die saak bid, maar as die Here nie gou genoeg antwoord nie, neem ons reg in eie hande. Wie weet hoeveel mense het in die huwelik gehaas omdat hulle gedink het dit is hul enigste kans, of onder druk gevoel het om 'n motor of huis te koop omdat die verkoopprys net vir 'n kort tydjie geldig was? Die probleem met ongeduld is dat dit kan veroorsaak dat ons voor God uithardloop.

Geduld vereis dat ons stilstaan totdat ons verdere opdragte van die Here ontvang. Dit kan veral uitdagend wees wanneer ons aanhou druk voel om 'n saak op te los. Psalm 27:14 sê: “Wag op die Here; wees sterk en laat jou hart moed skep; ja, wag op die Here.” Om alleen te staan terwyl ons wag vir God se duidelike leiding verg moed, veral wanneer ander mense ons aanspoor om vinnig 'n besluit te neem.

Deur te kies om te wag, sal ons waarskynlik verkeerd verstaan word deur diegene wat nie verstaan hoe die Here werk nie.

Elke keer as ons gehoorsaam is aan die Gees se aansporings, verskerp Hy ons gewete en persepsie sodat ons meer ingestel is op Sy leiding.

Ons moet ook vermy om net op die raad van ander staat te maak. Alhoewel die Bybel aanbeveel dat ons na wyse, goddelike raad luister (Spreuke 19:20), moet ons dit nie 'n plaasvervanger maak om persoonlike leiding by die Here te soek nie. Soms werk Hy deur ander mense om ons pad te rig, maar uiteindelik is Hy die een wat elke aspek van die situasie ken. Daarom is God die enigste raadgewer wat ons nooit sal laat dwaal nie.

Wat 'n troos om te weet dat ons nie op hierdie aarde gelaat word om ons eie pad te vind nie. As Christene kan ons in elke situasie met vertroue op goddelike leiding staatmaak. Wanneer ons besluite neem, is die sleutel tot vrede vertroue in God. Selfs al word ons gebede nie vinnig beantwoord nie, het ons die vertroue dat die Here weet wat die beste is en die pad op die regte tyd duidelik sal maak.

Skatkis

“Maar ná verloop van tyd het die spruit opgedroog, want daar was geen reën in die land nie. Toe kom die woord van die Here tot hom en sê ...”: (1 Kon. 17:7-8).

Elia het gebly, waar die Here hom beveel het om te gaan. By die spruit het hy kos en water gehad, maar die droogte het 'n invloed op die spruit gehad en dit het begin om op te droog. Elia kon 'n plan gemaak het om weg te gaan voordat die spruit heeltemal opgedroog het. Hy het egter op God se bevele en tyd gewag.

Hierdie patroon vind ons op baie plekke in die Bybel:
1. Abraham het gewag tot lank nadat hy op sy eie krag kon staat maak om 'n kind te verwek.
2. Wat van Moses, wat geroep was om die Israeliete uit Egipte te lei na 40 jaar waar hy skape opgepas het, op die ouderdom van 80 jaar.
3. Dan was daar Lasarus, wat na 4 dae in die graf; uit die dood opgestaan het.

Dit is wat Jesus dikwels doen. Hy vra dat ons Hom moet vertrou, ten spyte van die omstandighede, ten spyte van die onmoontlike en ten spyte van jou begrip.

Die Woord verseker ons dat die wat hulle vertroue in Hom stel, nie beskaamd sal wees nie.

Baie groot dankie

Ons bly verstom en ewig dankbaar vir wat ons Hemelse Vader in ons midde doen. Hy is meer as genoeg en onderhou Sy werk soos ons onsself beskikbaar stel.

Dankie aan elkeen van julle vir julle donasies, dit is ‘n seën vir so baie. Mag julle op elke gebied oorvloedig geseën word.

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UIT ONS KANTOOR

Geliefde, net om jou daaraan te herinner dat elke goeie storie 'n kinkel in die komplot het. Miskien is jy nou in die “het dit nie verwag” deel van jou storie. Wat egter na die komplot kinkel in enige goeie storie kom, is 'n oomblik van helderheid – 'n “ah-ha” oomblik om te sien “dat so baie nou sin maak.” God kan enige komplot kinkel omdraai, wat die duiwel teen jou probeer gebruik om jou te laat ontspoor, te ontmoedig, te verslaan en gestrand te laat in 'n woestyn, kan Hy 'n pragtige storielyn weef van hoop, herstel, genesing en belofte om ons regdeur ons lewens te lei na 'n wye, pragtige, florerende plek tot ons beswil en tot Sy eer. **“Want Hy weet hoe my wandel is; as Hy my toets, sal ek soos goud te voorskyn kom” (Job 23:10).** God ken die pad wat voor ons lê. Al die verlate plekke, al die berge en valleie wat ons sal moet deurgaan – en Hy gee aandag. Niks is vir Hom 'n verrassing nie. Die goeie of die slegte. Soos ons volhard om voort te gaan, sal ons deur die moeilike tye kom soos SUIWER GOUD. Praat van gloeiend opgehef. Gesuiwer deur vuur. Besiel met hoop en geloof. Stralend met versekerde verwagtinge van Sy getrouheid en goedheid. Gereed om andere te vertel hoe Hy ons deur 'n komplot kinkel, wat ons nie sien kom het nie, deurgedra het. Moenie moed verloor oor jou toekoms nie. Jy mag voel asof die beste dae van jou lewe in die verlede is. Jy mag voel asof jy net die herinneringe van die verlede het en het geen hoop vir die dae wat kom nie. Nee, my vriend, dit is nie die hele storie nie. Jy het nog nie die beste hoofstukke gesien nie. God ken reeds van die begin af die einde. Hy sien die verstommende dinge wat nog in jou lewe sal kom. Moenie moed verloor nie. Dinge kan oornag verander. Moenie hieraan twyfel nie, anderkant hierdie wildernis seisoen van die hart, is daar nog baie lewe aan die kom. 'n Storie van Sy liefde en skoonheid en hoop en genade vir JOU.

Ons bid vir elkeen van julle wat in die donker seisoen is, vir Sy vrede, krag en die versekering van; dat Hy reeds die einde ken – 'n lewe vol van Sy guns vir 'n wonderlike toekoms. Baie dankie vir julle volgehoue ondersteuning vir die bediening – jul gebede, liefde en donasies.

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LIVING OUT GOD'S WILL

By Pastor David Gericke

1 Thess 5:12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

I would like to share with you this scripture and hopefully encourage you to live out God's will for your life by highlighting some of these points
1 Thess 5: 12–13. And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.
Paul encourages us to know or understand those who teach the Word of God. It means we should recognize their calling and respect the office that they hold! When Paul wrote this, he was writing to the believers in Thessalonica. He had been with them for less than a month. (Acts 17:2–3). He had shared God's Word with them and many believed. So this assembly of believers had been started, "from scratch." This tells us that all the believers had become Christians at about the same time. I have a feeling that among the believers in Thessalonica there was an attitude brewing: "Epaphroditus and I became believers at the same time. I have known him for years. So why does he think that he can now teach me"? This is why Paul is saying they should respect them. "To esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. "Honour them because they teach the Word of God and represent the "Good Shepherd"! Therefore, those who are preaching and teaching God's Word should have our attention. We need to have a teachable attitude! 1 Tim 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. Paul adds to this "And be at peace among yourselves." The Hebrew word for peace is Shalom, which is mental, spiritual, physical peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace and He lives in our hearts! Col. 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
1 Thess 5: 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.
We are told to warn those who are unruly, the Greek word used here is, noutheteō, refers to warning someone about the disastrous consequences of their actions. If I say to my son, "Davy don't touch the plates on the stove it is hot and you will burn your hand" and I leave the kitchen I have warned my son of the disastrous consequences of his actions. If he chooses to touch the plate… his free will and burns his hands it's because of a choice he made, I still love him I will try to comfort him but it was his choice!
The "unruly" are those who are out of step. This is a military term, it's learning to march in step with everyone else in your platoon, you all turn in the same direction, you all start on the same foot, if someone turns the wrong way or starts on a different foot it puts everyone else out of step … They are to be warned and brought into order!
"Comfort the fainthearted". There are those who are fearful, disorientated, unsure, bowled over, timid in their faith, negative, these are the ones who need our encouragement. There are believers today who need someone to put their arm around them and say, "You're going to make it. I'm here for you and I am praying for you. You have got this" What comfort and encouragement that would be to the fearful, the fainthearted— Sometimes all of us get discouraged and become fainthearted!

We need to know that we have fellow believers standing with us! "Support the weak" There are those who are weak in the faith. Battling to stand up and fight the good fight of faith. These have not yet learned to trust in the Lord as much as they should for their spiritual needs. Until they do, we need at times to be a strong support and comfort to them. We need to help them. Lift them up,

and carry them along. (Walk the extra mile) 2 Tim 1:7 for God has not given us a spirit of fear but one of power, and of love and of a sound mind!
Paul goes on to say “Be patient toward all men.” Patient is the fourth fruit of the spirit… That means: Don’t lose your temper. This can be difficult! … As we interact with the ungodly, unholy, cantankerous, unsaved people who are trying to take advantage of us in some way or another. It becomes very difficult to be patient and not to lose our composure. But the Lord requires us to be patient with everyone.
1 Thess 5: 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.
The word pursue means to participate in an activity; be involved in … what is good both for yourselves and for all. In other words, “Walk by the Spirit”!
Dee, my wife, had a poster with a picture of three baby chimpanzees and the caption read, “There are three types of people: those who make things happen, those who watch what happened, those who wonder what happened”! I thought maybe she was referring to her and her two sisters, but it turned out that all three of them are bright sparks!
On the flip side there are three types of attitudes which produce different actions:
1) Is an attitude which does evil in spite of good. You get the other person before they get you. This is a pagan attitude!
2) Then there is the so–called refined, cultured, and educated world. That is, do good to those who do good to you. This attitude is, you scratch my back and I will scratch yours. This is done in our politics, work, friendships and even in our marriages! Jesus said “what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. (Luke 6:33)
3) The Christian is to live under a different standard. We are to do good to those who do evil to us. This is walking by the Spirit! Easier said than done, but when we allow God to work in and through us we become stronger and less retaliatory.
1 Thess. 5:16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
I think these three instructive verses go together. They are what we call a golden link.
“Rejoice” does not mean to be happy —happy is not really a New Testament word. There is no happy hour! Happiness is an emotion controlled by circumstances! This is a joy in the Lord as Paul wrote to the Philippians, “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice” (Phil. 4:4).
It is a Joy in what the Lord has done and is doing in my life. A Joy in His promises, a Joy that I am in His Kingdom! A Joy that I am being renewed! What an encouragement! As believers we should not be cantankerous individuals. If you are a child of God, you are to “Rejoice Evermore”! This is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience. Joy is a choice of the heart!! Neh. 10:8 … The Joy of the Lord is our strength!
1 Thess. 5:17 Pray without ceasing. This has to do with an attitude of prayer. I don’t think this means that one is to stay on one's knees all the time. It means to pray regularly and to be in a constant attitude of prayer. God delights in us praying and seeking Him. We read in Gen 3:8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
We see Adam and Eve walked with God in the coolness of the day every day, this tells us that God wants to have fellowship with us, in the coolness of the day, so that there are no distractions, it’s a time of rest and peace and contemplation! Gen 3: 9 The Lord God called to Adam and said to him “Where are you”… is God saying this to you! Where are you? What is distracting you? What is it that you can’t put down to spend time with the Lord? We need to respond “Hineni” Here I am!
Prayer is something we enter into willingly, it is an act of our free will as directed by the Holy Spirit. It needs a delightful attitude from the heart!
2 Cor 10.3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.
Eph 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.
1 Thess. 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
Paul is encouraging us to “give thanks” in all circumstances, not for all circumstances, but in all circumstances. Acts 16:25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every-

one's chains were loosed. Here is a perfect example of being thankful in all circumstances, they were praying and singing to God, they became a witness and blessing to all those in jail with them! We have a grateful heart for what God has done, what He is doing, and what He is still going to do!
If you come to me and ask "what is the will of God for you", I will tell you three specific things that are the will of God for you: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in everything. That is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
After the Second World War Sir Winston Churchill gave a speech at a school he once attended, everyone was longing to hear him speak, eager to hear what wisdom he would unfold into their lives. He stood up, walked to the podium, cleared his throat and said "Young gentleman, Never give up, never give up, never give up, never, never, never. Then he sat down again and everyone felt a little uneasy but if you think of it, what more was there to say! This said everything! So my words to you today are this… "Never give up, never give up, never give up, never, never, never… Fight the Good fight of Faith!
Ps 18: 1 I will love You, O Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

The Passover Message Reverberates Within Pollsmoor Prison Walls



Within the confines of Pollsmoor Prison, Sunday, March 31st, 2024, witnessed a demonstration of faith and transformation. Chantal Van Zyl, accompanied by a group of five former convicts, now dedicated to the Lord Jesus delivered a message of hope and redemption.
Chantal Van Zyl, daughter of Dr. James Van Zyl, accompanied by individuals whose lives have been profoundly impacted by their personal relationships with Jesus Christ, shared how Jesus's sacrifice had changed their lives.
Many of Dr. Van Zyl's literary works form part of the prison library and are being enjoyed by the prisoners, helping their spiritual growth and renewal.

During the proceedings, one of the inmates approached Chantal with a poignant revelation: his parents belonged to Stanger Christian Centre and were regular readers of the newsletter distributed by the Stanger Christian Centre. Despite harboring regrets for not heeding the call of God earlier in life, he expressed a newfound sense of freedom, joy and repentance within the confines of the prison walls.

The central theme of the sermon focused on the significance of the "Lord's Table and Healing," and the incredible price Jesus paid for each one of us to be reunited with Him.
The overarching message emphasized that while individuals may find themselves constrained by various forms of captivity—be it physical imprisonment or the bondage of sin—true freedom is found in surrendering to the love and grace of Jesus.

The testimonies of the ex-convicts stand as living proof of the boundless potential for redemption and renewal, regardless of one's past mistakes or current circumstances.
As Passover concluded within the walls of Pollsmoor Prison, all were reminded that the message of hope and salvation transcends all barriers, reaching even the darkest corners of human experience. The redemptive power of our Lord Jesus Christ knows no bounds, offering solace and redemption to all who seek and receive it, regardless of their place in society.

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