**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment III – *“Strengthening Your Core”* Progressive Bible Concepts - #27 “Little Faith”**

**Discussion What does it mean to compartmentalize?**

* *To separate realities from one another so that the two don’t conflict in our conscious minds.*

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**Segment III – Strengthening Your Core**

* Concept 25 – “Living By Faith”
* Concept 26 – “The Eyes of Faith”
* **Concept 27 – “Little Faith”**

**Key Verse***“...the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by his f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…”*

* Habakkuk 2:4
* Romans 1:17
* Galatians 3:11
* Hebrews 10:38

**Last week’s summary:**

* **There are two vantage points in life:**
	+ S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – centered – the starting point for all of life is oneself; this is called foolishness!
	+ G\_\_\_\_\_ – centered – the starting point for all of life is God; this is called wisdom!

**The Centrality of Faith**

* **Saved through faith**
	+ “For by grace have you been s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through faith;” Eph 2:8
* **Live by Faith**
	+ “…but the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall live by his f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Hab 2:4
	+ “…for we walk by f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not by s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…” II Cor 5:7

**Faith – the eyes of the soul!**

**Concept 26**

* “Faith is the capacity to see the God who is there and to envision Him as a rewarder of those who seek Him expectantly.”

**Little Faith – Scenario #1**

* *“For this reason I say to you, do not be w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith!”* Matt 6:25-30, Luke 12:28

**Little Faith – Scenario #2**

* *“When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!” He said to them, “Why are you a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you men of l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him.”* Matt 8:23-27

**Little Faith – Scenario #3**

* *“Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” “Peter said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, why did you d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?”* Matt 14:22-31

**Little Faith – Scenario #4**

* *“The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. 2But He replied to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ 3And in the morning, ‘There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times? 4An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah.” And He left them and went away. And the disciples came to the other side of the sea, but they had forgotten to bring any bread.* *And Jesus said to them, “Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, “He said that because we did not bring any bread.”But Jesus, aware of this, said, “You men of l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up? Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”* Matt 16:1-12

**Little Faith - Observations**

* “Little faith” – oligopistis
	+ Not m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tiny) vs m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (huge)
	+ But oligo (s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) vs pollus (m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
* He does not say ‘O ye of n\_\_\_ faith’ but ‘O ye of s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith’
* It’s not the a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but the i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith that he is addressing
* It’s not the d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but the d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith he is addressing
* It’s not the l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of it but the l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of it

**Little Faith - Observations**

* **Compartmentalized Faith**
	+ faith that is separated into sections, or a faith that touches only certain parts of your life.
* **Integrated Faith**
	+ faith that connects with every aspect of life.

**Compartmentalized Faith Examples:**

* We trust God to forgive our s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but struggle to trust Him to provide for our day to day n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* We trust God to take care of our s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but not for the care of our b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* We trust God for a j\_\_\_\_\_, but not for a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* We trust God with our s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but not our k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Doubt - Observations Oh ye of little faith, why did you doubt?**

* Diakrino – to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throughout, be in conflict with oneself
* Distazo – to stand in two ways, u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of which to take
* Aporeomai – to be without a pathway, hence the wherewithal to move forward, to be p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or at a loss, embarrassed and perplexed
* Diaporeo – perplexed to the point of d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, one does not have a clue, clueless

**‘Little faith’ is small f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coupled with large d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

***Profile of a Doubter*** *–* James 1:5-8

* *“But let him ask in faith without any d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for the one who doubts is like the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the s\_\_\_ driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect to receive a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord, being a d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-minded man, u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all of his ways.”*

**Description:**

* Analogy – like the waves of the sea, complete randomness, unsettled, at the mercy of forces outside of itself
* Neutralizes e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – creates uncertainty
* Double-minded – *disuxos* - two souls, d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ personality, caught in a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, torn between, conflicted
* Instability – no c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of thought or action, confused and undecided
* In all of his ways – everything about him – a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Quotes:**

“When you d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s power, you e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your doubts.”

*“Doubt d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith.”*

*“Faith d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ doubt.”*

**Discussion Points**

* I tend to trust God with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but struggle trusting God with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* “Lord, *this next week I am going to place fully in Your hands this area(these areas) of my life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and by this act of faith in You, My heavenly Father, my heart will remain at rest in your loving care.”*

**Little Faith - Observations**

“Said the robin to the sparrow, ‘Are you surprised by what you see Humans beings – so anxious and worried, how can this be?’

‘Replied the sparrow to the robin, ‘Oh I think that it must be That they have no heavenly father Who cares for you and me!”

**Summary Concept 27**

* *“Little faith compartmentalizes God in a destabilizing way that limits both His work in our lives and our expectation of His blessing.”*

**Next Week -** **Concept 28 -** “Increasing Your Faith”