

Sermon 2/6/22

## **“Faithing”**

Bible Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Romans 4:13-25

- Re-Read the Scriptures for this week.
- Tell your Jury Duty Story if you have one.
- When have you depended on someone and they failed you?
  - How did it feel?
- Romans 4:20 says “No distrust made him waver...” when speaking of Abraham and his faith. Abraham may have stumbled and doubted at times, but his faith never completely failed.
  - How is your faith?
  - Do you stumble?
    - How long does it take you to recover from that?
- Think of a time when you felt God telling you to proclaim one of His truths, like when you trust in humans you will be like a shrub in the desert, or when you trust in the Lord you are on more fertile ground.
  - How did you respond to His prompting?
  - Did you respond with “why even bother? They’ll never listen!”
    - Why did you respond the way you did?
    - How can you have done better?
    - How can we help each other to do better?
- JD mentioned faith is not a “one and done” sort of thing, but it’s ongoing.
  - How is your “Faithing”? That active pursuit of God in your daily life.
  - How can you work to become more active in faith building?
- JD talked about his coal furnace in the house he had in Illinois, and how he realized that coal is messy and deed to be card for daily. Computer controlled pads that you use to set temperatures in the house are “set it and forget it”.

- How do you want your own faith to be?
- How can we build up endurance to keep going in our daily walk in faith?
  
- Abraham's faith was not "set it and forget it" He even obeyed to the point of sacrificing his only, miraculous son Isaac.
  - What is one way we can have and keep that kind of faith?
  
- In times of spiritual challenges where do you turn?
  - To yourself?
  - To others?
  - To God?
    - What order do you do that in? Is God your last resort?
      - How can we remember to go to God first?