*Wednesday, April 4, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Romans 10:16-18 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? (17) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (18) But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (KJV)

I would like to emphasis the fact that the word ‘cometh’ in verse 17 is an added word and not one that accurately adds much to the verse. We have been discussing the fact that hearing involves more than just sound; rather it involves some action where you respond by stepping out in what you hear from our Lord. Bottom line Church, when it comes to faith it’s not that you get more faith by hearing; however, you do get more of an insight into the measure of faith you were given when you accepted the Lord.

Romans 12:2-3 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (KJV)

God is no respecter of people; the same measure of faith that Jesus Christ our Lord operated with is what you were given also. In fact the Bible says that the Spirit was poured out upon all flesh, now it’s a matter of receiving it. All you are doing when you hear from the Lord and step out in faith is allowing Him to confirm His word to you with signs following, so that you can grow in confidence and assurance concerning what you are hearing. Those that don’t step out in faith are like the parable of the man who buried his talent and found out that the Lord was not too pleased with him.

Revelation 3:20-22 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (21) To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (22) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)

Again we see illustrated that our hearing is vital if we to are going to be an over comer and not an underachiever. Our Lord is knocking on the door of your heart and not your head, so that He can get inside and then give you some insight into His kingdom also. As you draw near to Him He then reveals more of His word, so that you can see clearly that measure of faith which you inherited.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: (KJV)

So don’t think that by putting on some headphones and listening to scriptures all day is going to be enough, or that you will receive more faith because of it. The truth is that if you desire to grow up and mature in the things of our Lord, then you have to let Him into your heart and He will show you who you truly are in Christ, and your place that He has for you in His body of believers.

2 Corinthians 10:13-15 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. (14) For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ: (15) Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, (KJV)

Don’t try to be someone else or operate in an area that God hasn’t called you to, because it will not be pleasing to our Father in heaven and you will end up falling on your face. In conclusion today, it’s not like you get more faith, however what you do get is more confidence in the measure of faith that you were given in the beginning of your walk so that you can now trust more in the unseen realm and less in the outward one. Verse 15 makes reference to your faith being increased because you are an example of the true believers in Christ and others are catching on as well, which is what it means concerning increase.