

FREE SPIRIT *Restoration Ministries*

Weekly Word From The Pastor

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Sunday's Message : BELIEVE!

Scripture Reference: John 14:12 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

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Our church theme for 2008 is "BELIEVE!" The bible says, "With God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27)

To *believe* is to accept as true, have confidence in, or to have faith in. If you accept God as the unadulterated truth; if you have confidence in His will and purpose for your life; if you have faith in the written and prophetic word of God your faith should be evident in your daily life. Believers seek God diligently for the answers to life's ups and downs; they turn to the bible for guidance and direction; and they seek opportunity to learn Godly principles. Their goals are clear and the vision is plain because they are assured that God's plan and purpose will come to pass.

Likewise, if you believe in the Word of God then also believe that He said greater works you shall do (*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

John 14:12) Truly it is God's desire that we understand that He delights in blessing those who believe in him. Our foundational scripture for the year (Hebrews 11:6) testifies that he is a *rewarder* of them that diligently seek him.

Ask yourself this, "Why does the devil do so much to attack our faith in God?" Because he knows that our faith unlocks the power of the hand of God to move freely in our life. If we believe God can heal us, we are healed; if we believe God can give us financial, emotional, and spiritual victory, then we have victory; if we believe God can deliver us from all hurt harm and danger, then we are delivered; if we believe God can use us to break down barriers and achieve greatness, we shall achieve greatness! Though we may be limited in our own ability, we can truly do all things through Christ which stretheneth us (Phillipians 4:13)! To God be the glory. If you have not begun your journey as a believer, we invite you to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior today. We rejoice with you in your new found freedom and invite you to come again...and bring a friend.

Love and grace,

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As humans we naturally have a desire to please. We strive to please our parents, our friends, our employment supervisors, the church, our children....even our own inner desires. We even have a desire to please strangers through the way we walk, talk, or dress to impress. Imagine what a change in our lives we'd experience if everything we did -- every action, every deed, every thought -- was with the pure intention of simply pleasing God.

To be pleasing is to give pleasure to; to be in harmony with; or to do the will of. Harmony is defined as 'internal calm or tranquility'. Oh what a joy to be in harmony with our God in heaven; to know that He delights in you following the steps that He has lovingly and carefully ordained for your life and that you are committed to being an agent for His will and purpose right here on earth...a partner in the work of the Lord. In a world where disharmony or a lack of tranquility can be easily found, my soul longs to be in that place of tranquility in the Spirit of God.

The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God. I pray today that you sincerely desire to be pleasing to God. If so, the first step is to simply trust Him. Regardless of your situation, by trusting God you can find calm and tranquility...peace. In a state of peace, we can then wait for God to direct us to the answers to life's situations instead of reacting out of fear and concern. Hebrews 11:6 continues by saying, "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Believe the Word of God today. Seek Him for answers and instruction and trust that He will answer with rewards that go beyond our worldly expectations.

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