

Face to Face

Theme Scripture: Ex.33:11 And the LORD spoke unto Moses **face to face**, as a man speaks unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp:

■ **Col. 3:1-4 “Set your heart and mind on things above.”**

heart = passion; for the eternal vs. the temporary.

mind = thoughts; the Word, promise vs. worry of life.

I. **Whatever way you face, you will go.**

A. **Luke 9:62 “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”**

1. Like trying to drive the freeway in reverse.

2. Rom.1:13 “...changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image like corruptible man (*they became like that image*)

B. ***You are redeemed***

1. No shame of the past

◆ Shame says, “Look here.”

2. He heals the wounds, hurts of the past.

3. The HOPE before us out weighs the disappointments of the past.

C. ***What turns our Head***

1. Ja.1:22-25 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the **perfect law of liberty** and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

2. Knowledge without Experience brings separation.
i.e. sower and the word *the see that fell on hard ground*.

When I hear and don't take action I become indifferent next time I hear it.

II. Following the Face of Jesus.

A. Luke 9:51 “He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.”

Reactions:

1. v.52 “*He* sent messengers before His Face.”
2. v. 53 says the Samaritans rejected Him because His face was set to go to Jerusalem.

Mk. 10:32 says the disciples were amazed and afraid.

- ◆ Dumfounded and terrified, yet they followed Him.
- ◆ Overwhelmed yet with courage

B. *What is before His face?*

- Heb. 12:2-3 “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men. so you will not grow weary and lose heart.”
- His face was set into the eternal.
 1. His face was set past the cross
 2. His face was set past the shame.
- Is our face set only as far as the barriers?
 1. Faith looks past the temporal into the eternal.
 2. Faith looks past the **Barriers**
 - Physics
 - Unbelief
 - Circumstances
 - Reaction of others
 - Fear; of failure
 - Past experiences

C. **Fixing our face to His face.**

We look upon what He is looking upon

- ◆ i.e. Africa, United States, Montana, the Flathead Valley, our city, our neighbor, person in the store, etc.

Mk. 16:20 “Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed His word by the signs that accompanied it.

1. If we set our face on His face and what He looks upon, we will not grow weary and lose heart.
2. Going from the Shout – Voice - Glance

III. **How Spiritual Warfare works.**

A. **Jehosaphat’s army:**

1. II Chr. 20:12 “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.”
2. They set their faces upon His.
3. v. 15 “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. FOR THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD’S!”
4. v. 17 “Go out to face them tomorrow and the lord will be with you.”
 - ◆ (They looked upon the Lord as He looked upon the battle.)
5. v. 22 The Lord set ambushes against those who were invading Judah and they were defeated.
 - a) Why? Because the Lord got there before they did.
 - b) They set their faces on what the set His face and He got there before they did.

B. **Gates**

- Mt. 16:8 “Gates of Hell shall not prevail against His church.”

- **He is the Head.**
- **The Head has the face.**
- **The body moves where the Face is set.**