Sermon Notes
By Prayer - Heb 10:23
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I. Introduction

You will not do better than to quote Scripture, especially in prayer! There are no prayers so good as those that are full of the Word of God. May all our speech be flavored with it. Charles Spurgeon

a. do everything in the name of Jesus... but how...
Col 3:12-17... "put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience... forgive... love... let peace rule... be thankful... let the Word fill your lives... sing... do everything in the name of Jesus..."

b. look at this comparison...
Gal 5:19-21... "works of the flesh... sexual immorality, impurity, idolatry, hatred, strife, jealousy, anger, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties and other sins like these..."
Gal 5:22-25... "the HS produces this kind of fruit... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control... follow the Spirit's leading in every area of our life..."

c. to do everything in the name of Jesus... focus on Spirit, not behavior... transformation changes behavior, not trying harder... ambassadors do the will of their kingdom...
2Cor 3... "veil removed in Christ... gaze at His *goodness*... be transformed... by the Spirit..."
2Cor 4... "proclaiming Jesus... giving the light of the knowledge of God's *goodness*..."
2Cor 5... "ambassadors for Christ... we plead on His behalf... *be reconciled to God*..."

d. today... by prayer... what do you do when you are in a season of waiting... pray...
Dan 10... "from the first day, God heard your prayers... but I was detained by *evil*..."
Luke 13:10-17... "woman was disabled by a spirit for over 18 years..."
John 5:5-9... "man who was disabled for 38 years..."

II. By Prayer

a. don't stop believing in power of prayer... especially when what you're praying for is a NC promise according to God's word... need to ask according to proper covenant...
Exo 2:24... "God heard their groaning... remembered His covenant promise..."
Psa 89:34... "I will not violate My covenant or change what My lips have said..."
2Cor 1:20... "every one of God's promises is *Yes* in Him... that's why we say *amen*..."
amen... *so it is, so be it, may it be fulfilled; believe; sure or truly; absolute trust and confidence...*
Eph 1:3... "God has blessed us with every blessing... in Christ..."
Titus 1:2... "God, who cannot lie... promised before time began..."
Heb 8:6... "Jesus has obtained superior ministry... better covenant on better promises..."
Jam 5:16... "persistent prayer of righteous is able to accomplish much... has tremendous power..."
1Pet 3:12... "eyes of the Lord are on the righteous... His ears are open to their prayer..."
2Pet 1:4... "divine power has given us everything... given great and precious promises..."

b. don't know why there are seasons of waiting... but do know my Daddy's heart... He is a *how much more* God who always gives good gifts to His kids... in His timing, not ours...
Psa 27:14... "wait for the Lord... be strong... let your heart be courageous..."
Psa 37:7... "rest in the Lord... wait patiently for Him... do not worry..."
Matt 6:25-34... "do not worry... seek first His righteousness... all these things added..."
Luke 11... "goes to friend at night... *lend me 3 loaves of bread... don't bother me*... because of his friend's shameless boldness... he'll get up and give as much as he needs... Father gives good gifts..."

c. sometimes God is aligning people, timing, circumstances behind the scenes... growing in you a faith that can only be formed in waiting... building character... deepening trust...
Acts 14:22... "strengthening disciples by encouraging them to continue in the faith..."
Rom 4:13-25... "promise by faith... according to grace... to guarantee to descendants... did not waver in unbelief... but was strengthened in faith... fully convinced of promise..."
Rom 5:2-5... "access by faith into grace... boast in the hope of the *goodness* of God... trials help develop endurance... character... hope will not disappoint... God's love poured out into our hearts..."

d. sometimes spiritual warfare is at play... devil trying to discourage you from believing... remember, he is a defeated enemy... can do nothing but plant thoughts in your head...
2Cor 10... "weapons not of flesh... powerful to destroy strongholds... take captive to Christ..."
Eph 6:10-18... "struggle against spiritual forces of evil... take up full armor of God..."
Col 2:14-16... "erased certificate of debt... disarmed spiritual rulers... disgraced them..."
2Thess 3:3... "the Lord is faithful... He will strengthen you... guard you from evil one..."

e. whatever the reason... you are not alone... trial is not the outcome... God's intention is to bring you thru... and bring you out with much more... stand on His promises...
Num 13-14... "*people are strong, cities fortified*... Caleb said, *let's go up now and take possession*... men said, *we can't attack, they are stronger than we are*... Joshua said, *the Lord will give it to us*..."
Psa 66:12... "we went thru fire and water... but you brought us out to abundance..."
Isa 43:2... "when you pass thru the waters, I will be with you... when you walk thru the fire, you will not be scorched... I am the Lord... you are precious... I love you... do not fear, I am with you.."
John 10:10... "devil comes to steal, kill, destroy... I came to bring life more abundantly..."
Rom 8:28... "all things work together for the good of those who love God..."

f. everything in the Kingdom operates by faith... faith comes thru hearing the Word... not something we work up... faith is built up as we hear the Word... faith that feels small is not a failure... it's an invitation to keep listening and allow the Word to work effectively...
Rom 10:14-17... "faith comes by hearing... hearing the message about Christ..."
1Thess 1:5... "gospel not in word only... but in power... and full assurance it was true..."
1Thess 2:13... "thank God... received Word... works effectively in you who believe..."

g. if we've been given everything thru faith... then why pray... faith is like a window... grace is like the sun... sun always shines... when we make window bigger, more light comes in... faith doesn't produce what God gives by grace... its simply the hand that receives it...
Psa 119:130... "revelation of your words brings light... even the simple can understand..."
Rom 5:17... "receive overflow of grace... gift of righteousness... reign in life thru Christ..."
Heb 4:2... "gospel *of grace* did not benefit them... since it wasn't mixed with faith..."

h. Daniel knew Israel's captivity would last 70 years... God had promised... so why did he continue to pray... not to persuade God... but to keep himself standing firm in faith...
Jer 29:10... "after 70 years... I will confirm my promise and bring you home..."
Dan 9:2-3... "understood desolation would be 70 years... pleaded to God in prayer and fasting..."
Dan 10:12-13... "God heard, I have come... prince of Persia opposed me for 21 days..."
Eph 6:10-18... "sword of Spirit... pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion..."

i. nothing can change God's promises... prayer allows our hearts to connect with His in confidence as we wait... don't focus on the outcome... focus on Jesus... pray...
Isa 30:15... "you will be delivered by resting... your strength will lie in quiet confidence..."
Isa 32:17... "the result of righteousness will be peace... effect will be quiet confidence..."
Heb 10:23... "hold to the confession of our hope... since He who promised is faithful..."
1John 3:21... "if our hearts don't condemn us... we have confidence before God..."
1John 5:14-15... "this is the confidence we have... ask anything according to His will and He hears us... if we know that He hears whatever we ask... we know we have what we have asked of Him..."