

From the Pastor

In the last sermon we read Luke 18:8. The last sentence in that verse records Jesus' words "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" That is a sobering statement. Faith is a vital quality we all must be growing in.

We read in Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Do we know God well enough to know that we can truly trust in His promises? Abraham had faith because he knew God. He knew that what God had promised He would do. Paul spoke of Abraham's faith in Romans 4:20-21, "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform."

Faith is based on (founded on) two things— (1) God's promises and (2) truly knowing God. Faith grows as we see God doing what He has promised in our lives—how He works all things out for good in our trials as we stay committed to loving Him by obeying Him (Romans 8:28; 1 John 5:3).

The trials we face in this life are small tests (quizzes) to help prepare us for the major test that is coming—when we will really need to trust in God's promises—to be able to see God's hand in our lives. If we don't handle well the trials we face today, how will we handle the huge trials we will face before Jesus returns?

Jeremiah 12:5 gives a sobering warning. The first half of the verse reads, "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses?"

Running against other human beings is a normal expectation. But, if we cannot cope with running with other men, how will we manage when we are asked to run against horses? I.E. if we don't have faith in God to help us with the trials we face now, how will we have faith in God to help us with the great trials of the future?

Faith in God grows as we obey Him from our heart and see that He will always answer our prayers according to His will and promises—just as Abraham saw God's faithfulness.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:2pm	8:27pm	8:25pm
Sunset Friday 7-22	8:25pm	8:24pm	8:23pm



Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Split Sermon: DVD
Split Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Sermonette: Gilbert Gonzalez
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."
1 John 5:3

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 7/16	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 7/23	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Hendren will be in San Antonio. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria. Mr. Watts will deliver the sermon in Harlingen

Friday Night Live--COGWA Bible Study for Young Adults

Join us this Friday evening, July 15, for our next “Friday Night Live” webcast Bible study, which will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain and 5 p.m. Pacific).

This month’s study is titled “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Prophecy” and will be presented by Jim Franks. Mr. Franks will be discussing prophecy from the point of view of “what do we know and what do we not know.” If you have questions that you would like to have addressed during the Bible study, please submit them to Mr. Franks at jim.franks@cogwa.org.

Join Mr. Franks for the July 15 FNL and learn more about this fascinating subject!

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: August 6, 2016.

Corpus Christi Picnic/Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study: On the

Sabbath of July 30th the Corpus Christi congregation will be having a Bible Study following services and then a picnic, brown bag social. Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own food.