Confession & Encouragement

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INTRODUCTION

- As a church or as groups of people, as individuals, we are called to live our faith with confidence and hope and unity.
- The testimony of truth and the testimony of unity. These two elements are what separate the people of God from the people of the world.
- God's people see the world differently and they live in the world differently.

1 Find Confidence in God's Plan

Hebrews 10:19–22; Hebrews 4:16; Hebrews 10:17

- As God's people, we should find confidence in God's plan.
- It's the blood of Jesus that causes sins to be remembered no more.
- It's our hearts having been sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, and our bodies having been washed with pure water.
- If we're coming with a true heart, we can have immense confidence that God is there and he is listening and he's ready to show mercy.

2 Boldly Confess the Hope Without Wavering

Hebrews 10:23; Hebrews 10:32–34; Hebrews 10:37–38

- As God's people who realize this truth or this reality, we should be confessing this. We should be boldly confessing.
- There certainly are times in which we are tempted to just be quiet. And to not stand up for what is true and right.
- Remember how you stood up for those people. You stood by their side, you had fellowship with them in the midst of their trial and difficulty and suffering.
- God is going to do the things he said he's going to do. And he is trustworthy and faithful.

3 Stir Up One Another to Love and Good Works

Hebrews 10:24; Hebrews 3:12–14

- I hope you understand that there is no unity if we don't found it on truth.
- It's not just about receiving encouragement and being stirred up, but it's also about giving encouragement, purposely setting out to encourage and to stir up.
- Exhort one another every day as long as it's called today.
- It's not just to come together every once in a while and worship, it's that we live life together and that we're exhorting each other daily.

4 Living Life Together Like the First Century Church

Acts 2:42–47; Acts 4:32–35

- They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
- Day by day attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God.
- It sets them apart. The testimony of truth and the testimony of unity.

5 Table Fellowship Relates to Gospel Truth

Galatians 2:11–14; Jude 12; 1 Corinthians 5:9–11

- Something even like table fellowship can relate to gospel truth. It's that significant.
- Am I a complainer? Am I a grumbler? Am I a malcontent?
- Because who we eat with matters. Table fellowship is important.
- There's something that is shared by those who have common belief, who have sincere hearts and true faith.

6 Not Neglecting to Meet Together

Hebrews 10:25

- If at all possible, don't miss these great opportunities, both to worship with brethren and to spend time with brethren, to find opportunities to stir up and to encourage.
- Don't underestimate the value of events like a pig roast like we had yesterday.

THE CHALLENGE

Don't underestimate the power of community and what that means for God's people. And the impact it can have in the world that God has created.

MY NOTES