Jump Starting A Run Down Faith

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INTRODUCTION

- You realize that faith is not a constant. There's an ebb and flow. There are peaks and valleys.
- I want you to consider Paul's affirmation of faith and confidence in God in spite of his circumstances.
- Faith and car batteries have at least this much in common. Without a charged battery, the car doesn't operate properly.

1 Power Is Available for Your Spiritual Battery

Galatians 6:9

- Power is available for your spiritual battery. Your battery is fine if you connect the cable properly.
- Two things that you need to think about that brings you the power that your faith needs in this world of difficulty.
- And they are number one, fellowship. And number two, wisdom.
- You need a right relationship with God. You need the wisdom that comes from his direction delivered to us in his word.
- More focus on material things, material possessions, material pursuits will not strengthen us spiritually.

2 Start With the Right Connections

Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 8:26

- You have to start with the right connections.
- Luke says he told this parable. Because they ought always to pray and not lose heart.
- Paul is well aware that people lose heart in the journey. They grow weary. Their batteries begin to run low.
- We have the Holy Spirit interceding on our behalf.
- Prayer is the lifeline for the child of God.

3 Concentrate on the Needs of Others

Galatians 6:10; Acts 20:35; Galatians 6:2

- We need to concentrate on the needs of others.
- As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto others, especially those of the household of faith.
- In doing good to others, we help ourselves.
- It's about a spirit of giving. And that's a more blessed mindset and focus to have.
- Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- Being busy with the burdens of others will help you to carry your own load.

4 Turning the Negatives Into Positives

Psalm 46:10; Lamentations 3:19–29; 2 Corinthians 8:9

- Let's use the wisdom of God to help us when our spiritual batteries need charging. And I want to give you six passages to focus on.
- Be silent and know that I am God. Quit putting up such a fuss. And just listen. Be still.
- This I recall to my mind. Therefore I have hope. The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease. His compassions never fail.
- Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor. That you through his poverty might become rich.
- Fellowship, wisdom, those two things make us indeed rich. That we're not circumstance dependent.
- Take the focus off of ourselves and realize that as God's people, we are here to glorify him.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you have the comfort of these verses and the promises they afford the righteous? Are you a member of the body of Christ? Have you put on Christ?

MY NOTES