

Series: Hebrews

Lesson #: 65

Title: Whose Faith Follow

Scripture: Hebrews 13: 7

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Hebrews 13: 7: Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation. 8: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Last time I pointed out three words for you to think about. The first was: *Remember*

REMEMBER THEM WHICH HAVE THE RULE OVER YOU

You recall this is speaking of those Christ places in the church to lead you in the way Christ would have you to go--pastors and elders--(v7) **which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God.**

The next word is: *Follow*--REMEMBER THEM WHICH HAVE THE RULE OVER YOU, WHOSE FAITH FOLLOW

It means, do not only remember me by following me in believing on Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1: Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1. When Christ walked this earth as the faithful servant of God--as a man--he believed God. By grace, the apostle Paul believed God, as did Christ.

- I believe God
- I follow Christ
- I am led of the Spirit

It is my prayer that one day God will be gracious to make you willing to follow me in believing on Christ.

2. When Christ walked this earth as the faithful servant of God, though he was equal with God, he humbled himself to serve God his Father: He did not seek his own will.

John 6: 38: For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39: And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Illustration: You will hear many around you say, "You have a right to....."

- This world teaches us to seek our own will, as if God owes you and me something
- When our first father Adam sinned in the garden
- God took him outside of the garden where he lived and God forbid him access back in, access to God
- Adam lost all his rights. We lost all our rights in Adam.

It was God's will--to be gracious--to give those rights back to many. He sent his Son to accomplish it.

Illustration: It's easier to do what others want you to do when what they want you to do is easy?

- God the Father's will required his Son, Christ Jesus, to go on a far journey away from his Father to this earth
- It required him to become a man like those he came to save
- To feel the pain and sorrow that we know so he could comfort us

Illustration: What if your father told you do something for a person who treated you like an enemy?

- God the Son, Christ Jesus, came to save, those who did not consider him their friend--they actually hated him--they considered him their enemy.
- Man despised him and rejected him
- Man spit in his face
- Man stripped his clothes off of him
- Man mocked him

Illustration: What if your father told you to take the place of someone who treated you that way, and then bear the punishment that they deserved, so they could walk away free?

- Because it was his Father's will, the Son of God, even bore the wrath his people deserved until he satisfied eternal justice--he died in their place--so they could live forever.
- Yet, even when he was facing all that pain and sorrow, he said, **Luke 22: 42: Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

Illustration: About those rights? Because he is risen, he has given those who believe on him, a right to come to God forevermore. That is a right the believer has, which those who are worried about their own rights, their own will--do not have.

Hebrews 13:10: We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

Here is the lesson: When he gives you all these rights--he gives you a heart to delight in *his* will being done rather than *your* own. Because Paul followed Christ, Paul did not seek his own will but the will of Christ: **Acts 9:6:...Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?**

- I just want to talk about the right which belongs to Christ, not my own.
- As you learn more of Christ, he makes you more patient with those around you
- As you learn more of Christ, he makes you to trust him during the greatest of trials
- As you learn more of Christ, he makes you less concerned about your will and more delighted in his--because his will is to provide his people with all they ever need.

Hebrews 13: 7: Remember them that have the rule over you, and follow their faith.

So let's talk about Christ, and me, and you:

- The Lord's will is for me to be here each week--I'll be here each week--will you follow me?
- It is the Lord's will that we hear him speak through his word--I'll bring my bible and I'll review at home--will you follow me?
- It is the Lord's will that we seek to know and believe on God's darling Son--I want to know more of Jesus Christ, to believe on him more and more--will you follow me?
- It is his will that we turn from this world and follow him--his will is my will--will you follow?

The Lord said, **John 6:40: And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

It is my prayer that he will make you willing to follow him:

3 Jo 1:4: I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.