

Daily Faith

Acts 2:46

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The lesson is entitled, “**Daily Faith**”,
Which means that Faithfulness, is More than just a Sunday affair.

[Acts 2:41-46](#) reads,

- “they that gladly **RECEIVED His Word**, were baptized:
and the same day, there were **ADDED** unto them, about three thousand **SOULS**.
⁴² And they **CONTINUED STEDFASTLY**, in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship,
and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ And fear came, upon every soul:
and many wonders and signs, were done by the apostles.

⁴⁴ And all that **BELIEVED** were together, and had all things common;
⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.
⁴⁶ And they, **CONTINUING DAILY** with one accord in the temple,
and breaking bread from house to house, ” (that’s [Acts 2:41-46a](#))

Walking daily with the Lord, is a living, personal communion with Christ,
Which includes Minute by minute contact with His Life, as He influences our actions.

- Paul said, “I am **Crucified WITH Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ Liveth **IN me**:
and the Life which I now Live in the flesh, I **Live By the FAITH of the Son of God**,
Who LOVED me, and **GAVE Himself** for me.” ([Gal.2:20](#))

Nothing short of DAILY FAITH will do, including:

I. **Daily Prayer**

A. **Daily Need, Means Daily Prayer**

- “Give us this day, our **DAILY** bread.” ([Matt.6:11](#))
- “Be careful for nothing; but **IN EVERY THING**, by prayer and supplication, **WITH thanksgiving**,
LET your REQUESTS be made known unto God.” ([Phil.4:6](#))

David was a Spiritual Man.

- He said, “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I **PRAY**, and cry aloud:
and He, shall hear my voice.” ([Psa.55:17](#))
- “Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee **DAILY**.” ([Psa.86:3](#))

Paul was also a Spiritual man, who taught us to Be.

- He said, “**PRAY** without ceasing.” ([1Thess.5:17](#))

Daily Faith, should include,

II. Daily Bible Study

A. How often do we "apply the mind"?

- Peter said, "**Grow IN** grace, and **IN** the knowledge **OF** our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory, both now and for ever. Amen." ([2Pet.3:18](#))
- "And this I pray, that your **Love** may **ABOUND**, yet more and more **IN** knowledge and **IN** all judgment," ([Phil.1:9](#))

The noble Bereans are a good example.

- "These were more noble, than those in Thessalonica, in that they **RECEIVED** the **Word** with all readiness of **MIND**, and **SEARCHED** the scriptures **DAILY**, whether those things were so." ([Acts 17:11](#))

One hour on Sunday, is Not enough, for the most needed nourishment.

- Jesus said, "It is written, Man shall **NOT LIVE**, by bread alone, but by **EVERY Word**, that proceedeth out, of the Mouth of God." ([Matt.4:4](#))

After the Jews returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, It is recorded of Ezra the scribe, that he...

- "day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he **READ** in the book, of the law of God." ([Neh.8:18a](#))

If the physical body was restricted from physical food
To one hour per week, it would wither, and lose good health.

Likewise, the Soul, if it is not fed daily, with the Bread Of Life,
Would Lose spiritual vitality, and become ineffective, useless, "puny, and all dried up."

Compare secular knowledge, in school, there are 5 days a week, for 9 months.

B. Formal Worship

...at Fort Towson, includes 1 hour per week.

Other places have maybe 4 additional hours of study, and that's not good enough either.

- "**FAITH** cometh by **HEARING**, and hearing **BY the WORD of God**." ([Rom.10:17](#))

If we want our faith to increase, we need more spiritual food.

C. True Blessedness is Only Found IN God's Word

- "**BLESSED** is the man that walketh **NOT** in the **COUNSEL** of the ungodly, **NOR** standeth, in the **WAY** of sinners, **NOR** sitteth, in the **SEAT** of the scornful.
² But his **DELIGHT**, is **IN** the law of the Lord;
and **IN** His law, doth he **MEDITATE** day and night." ([Psa.1:1-2](#))

Daily Faith, should include,

III. Daily Teaching

Daily Teaching for,

A. Every One

To the Jews, the Bible says of Jesus, that He,

- "...sat **DAILY with you teaching** in the temple," ([Matt.26:55b](#))

The Bible says of Christians in the 1st century, that...

- "**DAILY in the temple, and in every house,** they **ceased NOT to teach and preach** Jesus Christ." ([Acts 5:42](#))

In the 1st century, the Church grew bountifully, because of...

B. Aggressiveness on the Part of the Faithful

- "Therefore they that were scattered abroad, **went every where PREACHING the Word.**
⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and **PREACHED Christ unto them.**" ([Acts 8:4-5](#))
- "But **WHEN they believed** Philip, **PREACHING the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the NAME of Jesus Christ,** they were baptized, both men and women." ([Acts 8:12](#))

C. The Example of Paul Should Encourage Us To Work

- Paul said, "watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to **WARN** every one, night and day with tears." ([Acts 20:31](#))

D. Much of Our Time is Required Living, and Making a Living

But while we do it, let us TEACH.

We are told of Jesus, that He...

- "walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
¹⁹ And he saith unto them, **FOLLOW Me,** and I will make you fishers of men." ([Matt.4:18-19](#))

Talk with friends, or strangers about the weather God made, for...

- "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words, shall **NOT** pass away." (Jesus said, in [Matt.24:35](#))

People need help.

Have we handed a tract out lately? Shared a written Sermon?

The Bible says of Andrew,

- "He first **findeth his own brother** Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. ⁴² And he **brought him to Jesus.**" ([Jn.1:41-42a](#))

Children are subject to tests and temptations: Let's be sure NOT to neglect them.

E. Don't Fail to Strengthen Someone to Overcome this World.

- "Wherewithal shall a young man **CLEANSE** his way?
by **TAKING HEED** thereto, according to Thy Word." (reads [Psa.119:9](#))

Daily Faith, should include,

IV. Daily Encouragement

Which is a,

A. Great Responsibility to Each Other

The Bible says,

- “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you, an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
¹³ But **EXHORT** one another **DAILY**, while it is called To day;
lest any of you be hardened, through the deceitfulness of sin.” ([Heb.3:12-13](#))

Daily Encouragement is needed, to...

B. The Weak, Who Wander Astray

- “Brethren, **IF** a man be **OVERTAKEN** in a fault,
ye which are spiritual, **RESTORE** such an one in the spirit of meekness;
considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” ([Gal.6:1](#))
- “Now we exhort you, brethren, **WARN** them that are unruly, **COMFORT** the feebleminded,
SUPPORT the weak, **Be PATIENT** toward all men.” ([1Thess.5:14](#))

Do we leave the weak, to sink or swim?

C. Assist Some Not to Be Entangled in Sin

- “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would, that men should do to you,
DO ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” ([Matt.7:12](#))

We want to,

D. Enter Heaven, Hand in Hand

- The Bible says, “the King say unto them on his right hand,
Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you,
from the foundation of the world:” ([Matt.25:34](#))

Daily Faith, should include,

V. Daily Cross-Bearing

Which is a,

A. Matter of Following (terms of discipleship)

- Jesus said, “to them all, **IF** any man will **COME AFTER** Me,
let him **DENY** himself, and **TAKE UP** his cross **DAILY**, and **FOLLOW** Me.” ([Lk.9:23](#))

The Apostles Were,

B. Willing to Endure Persecution

- Paul said, “We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;
¹⁰ always bearing about in the body, the dying of the Lord Jesus,
that the life also of Jesus, might be made manifest, in our body.” ([2Cor.4:8-10](#))

The Cross is a,

C. Symbol of Loss and Pain

- "It is a faithful saying: For **IF** we be **DEAD** with Him, we shall also **LIVE** with Him:
¹² **IF** we **SUFFER**, we shall also **REIGN** with Him:
IF we deny Him, He also will **DENY** us:" ([2Tim.2:11-12](#))
- "Yea, and all that will, **LIVE** godly **IN** Christ Jesus, shall **SUFFER** persecution." ([2Tim.3:12](#))

The Cross is also a,

D. Symbol of DUTY

- "when ye shall have **DONE** all those things which are commanded you,
say, We are unprofitable servants: we have **DONE** that which was our **DUTY** to **DO**." ([Lk.17:10](#))

So this is an ALL-TIME occupation.

- Christians are to, "**WALK** worthy of the **VOCATION** wherewith ye are called," ([Eph.4:1b](#))

One flash of good, does not suffice, for day-to-day faith.

E. Are We Willing?

- Jesus said, "he that taketh **NOT** his cross, and **FOLLOWETH** after Me, is **NOT** worthy of Me." ([Matt.10:38](#))
- "Must Jesus bear the cross alone, And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for every one, And there's a cross for me."

Daily Faith, WILL INCLUDE,

VI. Daily Results

A. Everyday Religion

...Produces Daily Results.

- "And so were the **CHURCHES** established **IN** the **FAITH**, and **INCREASED** in number **DAILY**." ([Acts 16:5](#))
- "praising God, and having favour with all the people.
And the Lord **ADDED** to the church **DAILY**, such **AS** should Be **SAVED**." ([Acts 2:47](#))

B. Why do we see increase, only perhaps "yearly"?

Has the Gospel lost its power? **NO!**

- Paul said, "For I am **NOT** **ashamed** of the gospel of Christ:
for it (that is, the gospel) is the **POWER** of God, unto **SALVATION**,
to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." ([Rom.1:16](#))

Have people lost their interest? **PROBABLY**

- But we are commanded to, "**HEAR** ye **HIM**." ([Matt.17:5b](#))

Have Christians lost their zeal? **PERHAPS**

- So we must "...commit thou to **FAITHFUL** men, who shall **Be Able**, to **TEACH** others also." ([2Tim.2:2b](#))

We don't have to be in a formal class, and we don't have to present it, in a professional way:

C. Just TELL People, about the Gospel

VII. IN-CLOSING

This lesson and worship combined, will not save anyone **ALONE**.

- Jesus said, “**IF** a man **LOVE** Me, he will **KEEP My WORDS**:
and My Father will **LOVE** Him, and We will come unto Him, and make our abode with him.” ([Jn.14:23](#))
- “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always **OBEYED**,
not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,
WORK OUT your own SALVATION, with fear and trembling.” ([Phil.2:12](#))

We need to Build each moment of Life, around the Son Of God.

- As we are only “**Complete IN Him**,
which is the **Head of ALL principality and power**.” ([Col.2:10](#))

Are we walking with Him DAILY?

The lesson is yours.

If you have a spiritual NEED, The Lord invites, and we await to assist;

- **COME** believing ([Heb.11:6](#)), repenting ([Lk.13:3](#)), confessing ([Acts 8:37](#)),
- and be Baptized **INTO** Christ Jesus ([Gal.3:26-27](#)), Where ALL spiritual blessings exist ([Eph.1:3](#))

...while together we stand and sing.