

Resolved to Live – As a Witness for Jesus

“...about all that Jesus began to do and teach” (Acts 1:1).

R₂L – Resolved to Live: With A Faith that is Fearless (Acts 21:1-17 – Part 2)

Acts 21:1-6

Pastor Ed got a little “sidetracked” with the Sunday Morning message of March 23. The focus of the message was living out a demonstrable faith. How do we know that our faith is real, saving faith? The comment was made, “Faith that does not affect all of one’s behavior is not the practice of true, biblical faith.” Pastor Ed challenged the congregation to consider their faith; to, in the words of Paul, **“5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you — unless indeed you fail the test? 6 But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test”** (2 Corinthians 13:5-6).

Since Pastor Ed never made it into the points of his sermon, the regularly posted Sermon Discussion Questions will not be used for this week’s Home Bible Fellowship. Whether you are able to attend the HBF or not, would you please take some time to work through the following Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define faith? Use Scripture to support your answer.
2. How would you define faithfulness? Use Scripture to support your answer.
3. In your own words, why is it important for Christians as well as congregations to test and examine the well-being of their faith?
4. Consider the following passage from Romans 12:2 as a “test” for your faith,

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

- a. In what ways do you see yourself still “conformed to this world”? In what ways might a congregation be “conformed to this world”?
- b. In what ways do you see yourself “transformed by the renewing of your mind” by means of God’s Word? How might a congregation be so “transformed”?