

Children's Message

"Cactus Christians"

Psalm 119:11

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

"A Firm Foundation – Cactus Christians I"

2 Timothy 3:10-17, Philippians 4:8-9

2 Timothy 3:10-17

A Final Charge to Timothy

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God[®] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Philippians 4:8-9

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Introduction: "If you have your health, you have everything."

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I. Imperfect Vision-2021

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II. Review –

Two visuals – cactus;

A Firm Foundation (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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A. Faith can grow

B. The power of God's word (Isaiah 55:11)

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¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

III. Continue...

C. *The Bible is God's word (2 Peter 1:20-21)*

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

D. Can we trust it? Veracity.

1. Solomon's Gates
2. Did Israelites burn Hazor?
3. Solomon's Mines
4. Herod's Tomb-Herodium

• *Psalm 22:1-2, 3-5 (Trust in the Truth)*

Psalm 22:1-2

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

Psalm 22:3-5

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

• *John 17:17*

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¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

• *Matthew 5:18*

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¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Application- Monthly Memory

Table Talks

A Firm Foundation-Cactus Christians

2 Timothy 3:10-17, Philippians 4:8-9

Thought For A Day

- How have you engaged scripture this past week? How has scripture engaged you?
- Our bodies have systems. So does the church. Can you name some? What messes with our systems? If there is a problem what should you do? Where do you go for help?
- How does Philippians 4:8-9 give good vision for healthy systems?

Thought For Another Day

Please re-read the texts.

- Again, how are you engaging scripture?
- Is your faith growing? How; or why not?
- Again how is scripture engaging you (Isaiah 55:11)?
- The fact that the Bible is God's word should be eye opening. How does that truth speak to you?
- What do you understand by the statement "The veracity of scripture"? Who makes us doubt (Genesis 3:1-4)? How does Psalm 22:1-5 help us trust the truth?
- Will you engage in "Monthly Memory?" I pray you do.

BLESSings, Pastor Phil