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**Lesson 24– September 15, 2013**

**/Welcome To  
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Good morning! Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verses 1 to 3 say...

/HEB 12:1

*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of (Old Testament) witnesses surrounding us, let us (believers in Christ) also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin (nature) which so easily entangles us (ambushing us and buffeting us from all sides), and let us run with endurance the race (of our lives) that is set before us... \*

/HEB 12:2

*...(let's keep on) fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author (pioneer) and perfecter (finisher) of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame (by ignoring it), and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (the Father). \*

/HEB 12:3

*For consider Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who has endured such hostility (as the Cross) by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

For the Christian, our focus is Christ. When we are beset by trials and tribulation, we relax because we know we have in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ an author and a perfecter of faith. We keep our eyes on him. We follow his example.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Welcome to bible study for RENEWING our faith... bible study is a time to let God the Holy Spirit teach us about the Zoe Life... the magnificent resurrection life... Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 23 requests...

EPH 4:23

*...that you be renewed (by God) in the spirit of your mind...*

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Thank you for coming to receive this renewing and thank you for sharing the message concerning the value of a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word with everyone you know.

**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

*Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

As The Deer/ I Love You Lord\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is AS THE DEER/ I LOVE YOU LORD.

**/OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

We're grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth...the Word of God...

Help us to see Your Person in Your Word, and use Your Word within our souls to help us grow in faith in Your Son, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name... Amen.

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Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher, a gift given to me by God to help you develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Sovereign of the Universe, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is God. The Bible is His exact thinking...the absolute truth. Welcome to a place where everyone

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is welcome...where people are important...a welcoming place where we don't regard another person's sins as an adequate way to evaluate them. Welcome to the place where everyone is welcome to receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to deliver your souls.

**/TODAY'S STUDY**

**Romans Chapter 1- Faith is the Antidote to Unbelief\**

We continue our study of Romans Chapter 1. We're studying the second passage of Chapter 1...Verses 8 to 15...Paul's Prayer for the Purpose of his Ministry...

/Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15  
Paul's Prayer for the Purpose of his Ministry\

/ROM 1:8

*First, I (Paul) thank my God (the Father in prayer) through Jesus Christ('s name) for you all (believers in Rome), because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world (all over the Roman Empire).\*

/ROM 1:9

*For God (the Father), whom I (Paul) serve in my (human) spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you (believers in Rome...in intercessory prayer)...\*

/ROM 1:10

*...always in my prayers making request (even in petition for myself as well), if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to (visit) you.\*

/ROM 1:11

*For I (Paul) long to see you (believers in Rome) so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established...\*

/ROM 1:12

*...that is, that I (Paul) may be encouraged together with you while among you, (as) each of us (is encouraged) by the other's faith, both yours (encouraging me) and mine (encouraging you).\*

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/ROM 1:13

*I do not want you to be unaware, brethren (believers in Rome), that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far...even though I wanted to come) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as (I obtain fruit) among the rest of the Gentiles.\*

/ROM 1:14

*I (Paul) am under obligation both to Greeks (people who speak Greek) and to barbarians (people who don't speak Greek), both to the wise (believers in Christ) and to the foolish (unbelievers).\*

/ROM 1:15

*So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel (as a minister) to you also who are in Rome.\*

We see a word in Verse 8 that is the subject of our concern...the word is FAITH.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith?

Verse 8

“Your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world”\

Faith is the antidote to unbelief. What is an antidote?

/ANTIDOTE

Something that prevents or counteracts injurious or unwanted effects\

Faith prevents or counteracts the injury of or unwanted effects of unbelief. Faith is the opposite of unbelief. Faith is a battle against unbelief. Turn in your Bibles to John, Chapter 10...

<Read John Chapter 10, Verses 1 to 10...>

Unbelief is a thief in the Christian Way of Life. Satan is the king of unbelief. John, Chapter 10, Verse 10 says...

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/JOH 10:10

*“The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (the Lord Jesus Christ) came that they (believers in Christ) may have ( the Zoe) life, and have it abundantly.”\*

**What does unbelief look like?**

Unbelief looks like SELF at the head of your life, with SELF seeing God as a tool...with SELF seeing God as a Genie...you rub the lamp, the Genie appears, and He does your bidding.

Unbelief looks like personal sins...sin is faith in SELF and not in God...it is the thought that you have a better idea than God. It is the refusal to seek God viewpoint as valid and helpful.

**Unbelief begins at home.**

Turn to Matthew, Chapter 13, Verses 53...

/MAT 13:53-54

*When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there (the area of the Sea of Galilee).//He (the Lord Jesus Christ) came to His hometown (Nazareth) and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?”\*

They knew what they were seeing. They knew they weren't looking at a mere man. They knew they were looking at their Messiah.

/MAT 13:55-56

*“Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?//And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”\*

Sorry to all you Roman Catholics...sorry to break the news to you that Mary had at least six children in addition to Jesus...so she wasn't a virgin her whole life. Bummer!

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/MAT 13:57-58

*And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.”//And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.\*

Where there is a lack of faith there are few miracles! In what ways does your unbelief hinder God’s ability to serve you? Unbelief, the lack of faith, absolutely kills a human being’s desire to serve. Yet it never kills the Lord Jesus Christ’s desire to serve. Mark, Chapter 6, Verse 6 says...

/MAR 6:6

*And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) wondered at their unbelief. And He was going around the villages teaching.\*

**Unbelief STEALS salvation.**

John, Chapter 3. Verse 36 says...

/JOH 3:36

*“He who believes in the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has eternal life; but he who does not obey the (command to believe in the) Son will not see (the eternal) life, but the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him.”\*

Take a five-minute break!

/BREAK

*Voice of Truth*

*When I Think About Home\*

Welcome back! The Christian Way of Living is a life of faith and hope and love. First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13 says...

/1CO 13:13

*But now faith, hope, love, abide (in the sphere of) these three; but the greatest of these is (unconditional) love.\*

**Unbelief KILLS faith.**

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Turn your Bibles to Mark, Chapter 16, Verse 1...

/MAR 16:1-2

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him (body of the Lord Jesus Christ). //Very early on the first day of the week (Sunday), they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.\*

They did not expect the Lord to rise from the dead.

/MAR 16:3-4

*They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”//Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.\*

/MAR 16:5-6

*Entering the tomb, they saw a young man (an angel) sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed (alarmed).//And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen (He is resurrected from the dead); He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him (the inner burial chamber).\*

The Crucified One became the Resurrected One.

/MAR 16:7-8

*“But go, tell His disciples and Peter (the Lord’s concern showing here), ‘He (the Lord Jesus Christ) is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’”//They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.\*

/MAR 16:9-10

*[Now after He (the Lord Jesus Christ) had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.//She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.\*

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/MAR 16:11-12

*When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it (unbelief).//After that, He (the Lord Jesus Christ) appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country.\*

Under Jewish law women were not considered eligible witnesses.

/MAR 16:13-14

*They went away and reported it to the others, but they (the others) did not (never) believe them either.//Afterward He (the Lord Jesus Christ) appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at the table; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.\*

Unbelief KILLS faith.

**Unbelief DESTROYS hope.**

Turn your Bibles to Mark, Chapter 9, Verse 14...

/MAR 9:14-15

*When they (Peter, John and James) came back to the disciples (from the Transfiguration), they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them.//Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), they were amazed and began running up to greet Him.\*

/MAR 9:16-18

*And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) asked them, “What are you discussing with them?”//And one of the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute;//and whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it.”\*



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/MAR 9:19-20

*And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) answered them and said, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!”//They brought the boy to Him. When he (the spirit) saw Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), immediately the spirit threw him (the boy) into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he (the boy) began rolling around and foaming at the mouth.\*

/MAR 9:21-22

*And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.//It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!”\*

/MAR 9:23

*And Jesus said to him, “ ‘IF You can?’ All things are possible to him who believes.”*

/MAR 9:24-25

*Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.”//When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again.”\*

/MAR 9:26-27

*After crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and the boy became so much like a corpse that most of them said, “He is dead!”//But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up.\*

/MAR 9:28

*When He (the Lord Jesus Christ) came into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, “Why could we not drive it out?”//And He said to them, “This kind (of spirit) cannot come out by anything but prayer.”\*

Unbelief DESTROYS hope and makes us powerless.

**Unbelief turns love cold.**

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Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 1 to 3 say...

/ROM 3:1-2

*Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?  
//Great in every respect. First of all, that they (the Jews) were entrusted with  
the oracles (the Word) of God.\*

/ROM 3:3

*What then? If some did not believe (in faith), their unbelief will not nullify  
the faithfulness of God, will it?//May it never be! Rather, let God be found  
true, though every man be found a liar...\*

Our unbelief illuminates God's faithfulness.

**Unbelief is a crisis of faith.**

You can't put God in a box! So says "sound byte" Christianity. Yet the claim is false. You can indeed put God in a box...through religion...through legalism...but the box can't contain a limitless God.

We are not Christ-like. We cannot be Christ-like. When we find out how mortal we are, we have a crisis of faith. The crisis is caused by putting faith in self, and then finding out that SELF is not all that!

**What is God's attitude toward unbelief?**

First Timothy, Chapter 1, Verses 12 to 14...

/1TI 1:12-13

*I (Paul) thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He  
considered me faithful, putting me into service, //even though I was formerly  
a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown  
mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief...\*

/1TI 1:14

*...and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and  
(unconditional) love which are found in Christ Jesus.\*

**How is unbelief ruining your life?**

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**/CLOSING SONG**

Worthy\

**CLOSING VERSES**

/PRO 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.//In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.\*

/DEU 31:8

*The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed\*

/ISA 30:18

*Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.\*

**/CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

THANKS  
INTERCESSION  
PETITION

And we pray that You continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of Your unconditional love, Your person, Your thinking, Your work, and Your essence...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ's name, Amen.

**/Thanks for coming!**  
**Thanks for watching!**  
**Thanks for listening!**

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