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Lesson 26 – September 15, 2013

**/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
Rory Clark
Pastor-Teacher**

Good Morning! Second Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verses 7 to 12 say...

/2CO 4:7-9

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; // we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; // persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed... *

/2CO 4:10-12

*...always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. // For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. // So death works in us, but life in you. *

Our God has placed a perfect treasure inside a perfect man...Himself. Without God's intervention in most of the things that we encounter in this life we would be broken. Yet our God intends for our imperfection to reflect His all-sufficient and surpassing power.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

We come to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING our thoughts... we come to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God so we can bear fruit through action, living the Word of God daily, and reflecting our Lord's grace. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

...(keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind...

During bible study, God the Holy Spirit prepares you to "in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to save your souls." Thank you for expressing your will with your presence...thanks for being here to get

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another dose of truth courtesy of the members of the Godhead, the Ones who love you unconditionally...thank you for living the Word of God when you leave.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

God is Walking Me Thru\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...GOD IS WALKING ME THRU.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Magnify our faith, Father, and let it be manifest throughout the world and to everyone in our immediate periphery...

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 of authority given to me by God for the purpose of equipping you believers in Christ for the work of service. Thanks for coming to a place where you get to see an imperfect person who is a Pastor deliver a supernatural message of divine enablement every week.

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/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1- Faith is Perfect When We are Imperfect

Let’s begin this lesson by taking the offering. Let’s welcome up Deacon Caleb Alburn.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Caleb Alburn\

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/GIFT

The transfer of something without the expectation of receiving something in return.\

/Remember to give with the motivation suggested in Scripture

2CO 9:7

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (grace oriented) giver.

/OFFERING

Change My Heart Oh God

/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1- Faith is Perfect When We are Imperfect

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

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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).

/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.

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We see a word in Verse 8 that is the subject of our concern...the word is FAITH. We've been investigating exactly what faith is, when we come up with quite a list. Let's continue...

Faith is a Mindset

/PRO 23:7

For as he thinks within himself, so he is. \

Faith Pleases God

Hebrews, Chapter 11, Verse 6 says...

/HEB 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is (that He exists) and (must believe) that He is a rewarder of those who (diligently) seek Him. \

Faith is an Experience

Christians, in and through their weakness, express and embody God's thoughts. We are designed to live the truth. Colossians, Chapter 2, Verses 1 to 4 say...

/COL 2:1

For I (Paul) want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face... \

/COL 2:2-3

...that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in (unconditional) love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, (the knowledge of) Christ Himself, //in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. \

/COL 2:4

I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. \

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Faith is the Believer in Christ’s Spiritual Reality

In that way, it is supernatural.

/GAL 2:19-20

“For through the (Mosaic) Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.//I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

Is faith important? I’d say so...

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back! Hebrews, Chapter 10, Verses 1 to 13...God has given us a perfect position...positional sanctification...

Faith is a Position

/HEB 10:1

For the (Mosaic) Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect (remove the guilt and condemnation from) those who draw near (to worship).

/HEB 10:2

Otherwise, (if they could make you perfect) would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

/HEB 10:3-5

But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year.//For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.//Therefore, when He (the Lord Jesus Christ) comes into the world, He says, “SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU (My Father) HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU (My Father) HAVE PREPARED FOR ME...”

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/HEB 10:6-7

“IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.//THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD (My Father).’”

/HEB 10:8

*After saying above, “SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them” (which are offered according to the [Mosaic] Law)... *

/HEB 10:9-10

*...then He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said, “BEHOLD, I (the Lord Jesus Christ) HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL (My Father).” He (God the Father) takes away the first (the Mosaic Law sacrifice) in order to establish the second (the sacrifice of Christ at the Cross).//By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *

/HEB 10:11-12

*Every (Levitical) priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; //but He (the Lord Jesus Christ), having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD (the Father)... *

/HEB 10:13

*...waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.//For by one offering He (the Lord Jesus Christ) has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. *

Faith is a Power God Unleashes

Psalm 40, Chapter 8...

/PSA 40:8

“I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.”

Psalm 143, Chapter 10...

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/PSA 143:10

Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ gives us unspeakable power...

Faith is an Inner Reassurance

Faith allows you to proceed in the face of a lack of physical evidence.

Faith Requires Patience

Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 21 to 23 say...

/COL 1:21-22

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He (the Lord Jesus Christ) has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him (God the Father) holy and blameless and beyond reproach...

/COL 1:23

...if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

Faith Suffers Disappointment yet Lives for Victory

We Get Early Enthusiasm

We Lose Heart

We Give Up Hope

Yet God is Faithful

Second Timothy, Chapter 2, Verse 13...

/2TI 2:13

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

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Faith is Uncompromising

Satan's first request of us is that we sell out. Yet we don't have to because we know our God is able on our behalf...

Ephesians, Chapter 3, Verse 20...

/EPH 3:20-21

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, // to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. *

Believers in Christ appear much like those in the world in that we are hypocrites. Yet we are nothing like the world...we get to see God coming through for us as hypocrites again and again!

In closing I got a fantastic letter this week I'd like to share with you...

Good Morning Pastor Rory...

I don't know what time of the day it is in your part of the world. I just finished listening to your lesson, "If You Miss the Person, You Miss Everything." Fantastic message!!! I must say it's been a long time since I heard such 'non-judgmentality' from you. Please forgive the use of this word for lack of a better one at the moment. I've listened to every single lesson you've taught since Barah Ministries' website was up and running. The only one I haven't listened to yet is the third of the three messages from last week, the one titled the Lord's Supper). I've seen you come down and go up; however, none of that matters to me as long as you remain in the pulpit. You are one of the very few 'Men of God' (that's what we call Pastors in my side of the world) that I trust in this in life, not because you don't make mistakes, but because I know that even if you teach something wrong, when you find out the truth, you let us know.

Thank you Pastor Rory for feeding me with truth in a world where I'm surrounded by nothing but lies. The truth I refer to is not just as regards the Word of God, but the truth about living the Christian Way of Life in very practical life scenarios including work and work ethic, which I never had

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but have learned from you...of being a good steward of financial blessings and so much more. I would have typed a lot more, but for time, I cannot now. Suffice it to say that I trust everything that comes from the Barah Ministries pulpit. I don't pray for a day when I won't hear from Barah Ministries pulpit, not in this life. Thank you and God bless.

What makes Barah Ministries a great place and a different place to worship?

A real Pastor.

At Barah Ministries you get to see the sharp contrast between a weak, judgmental, human, frail, afflicted Pastor and a supernatural message. And God makes it clear by putting weak people in the pulpit that He is able to do miraculous things in our weakness. I am proud to be a reflection of His desires in this regard. And I appreciate it when you see it.

I'll have more to say about this in future lessons.

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/CLOSING SONG

Faith, Hope, Love\

CLOSING VERSES

/JER 29:11

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

/1PE 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, //casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

/JUD 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, //to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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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!

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Thanks for watching!
Thanks for listening!

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