

Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church

-We are not a perfect people

-We are here because we know we need God's help and He has provided this help through Jesus Christ our Lord!

CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him Known!

Living the Faith

- **Are you spending at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days a week reading your Bible?**
- **Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**

Spur





Angel





Proverbs 22: 6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

- **In the horse world this is called imprinting**

Spur's Story vs Angels Story

- **We were there 3 hours after Spur was born… had my hands on her, she would run to meet us – pushed everyone else away, she saw us as family and wanted to be with us!**

Angels Story vs Spur's Story

- **We were there 3 weeks after she was born-she was the youngest in the herd.**
- **Her mother, Legacy, had not been worked with and was the alpha mare - stand offish and threatened you when you came near.**
- **I earned mom's trust but the baby had learned to steer clear of strangers & avoided us!**
- **They were weaned & we still couldn't get near her because the other foals would push her away.**

Proverbs 3: 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

- **The goal is to imprint while young so that there is a bond of trust that is naturally developed - Angel, obviously, had no trust!**
- **We roped her to get her halter on & to bring her home in the trailer with Spur.**

For 2 weeks she walked around in her halter dragging the lead rope!



- **I would walk in talking gently and just pick up the rope… working my way up and staying down low (non-threatening) and just touch her side.**
- **Eventually she would just stop when I touched the rope - then took the halter off - then just walked in and she was there to greet me.**
- **She had learned to trust what was not natural**
- **She HAS to trust us in the future when Kim is riding her – Angel needs to believe Kim is taking her somewhere that may seem scary, insecure, out of the norm, but Kim can be Trusted!**

Matthew 14

23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

- **The disciples saw something happening that was not ‘normal’ – ‘unlearned’ – ‘never experienced or seen’ and their first reaction was fear… get away from it!**
- **1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear”**

Matthew 14:27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” 29 “Come,” he said…

Matthew 14: **‘…Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”**

- **Fear vs Trust - DOING what you have learned or heard all your life can’t be done!**

Action Steps

- **What behaviors have you learned that cause you NOT to Trust God?**
- **Renounce the lies that have formed your life and begin a new level of Trust!**
- **Is God asking you to Trust Him in what may appear to be impossible?**
- **Have you Trusted God for something Big but now you are doubting?**