

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!

- **Did you spend 5 minutes a day at least 5 days last week reading the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Did you spend some time alone with God this week?**
- **Are you hearing what the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**

Luke 12

4 “Dear friends, don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that. 5 But I’ll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he’s the one to fear.

- The fear factor: Jesus knows our flesh & wants us to see the bigger picture! The enemy wants us to be intimidated into being quiet & not speaking about Jesus! - Jesus reminds us it’s God we need to fear & nothing else!

- We are living in a day when the enemy, the law, the public opinion is that you don't have a right to speak about Jesus!
- Believers are afraid of losing their jobs or simply of peer pressure of being different!
- Culture is celebrating radical ideas all the while attempting to shame those who would call themselves Christ Followers, Christian, believers, saved etc.
- In the time of Christ's ministry and throughout the book of Acts it wasn't popular or accepted to be a believer!!

John 12

42 Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn’t admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. 43 For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.

- God isn’t looking for any secret agents or chameleon believers!
- He has called us to be a light to the world!! This doesn’t mean we blatantly go against laws or get in faces BUT we don’t hide the light we’ve been given!

- Do the people close to you, (family, work, school, neighbor, etc.) Know you are a Christ Follower?
- Are you looking for ways to shine the light of Jesus in every environment you are a part of?
- We can't just blend into where we are if we are a light?!!!
- During this "I said Yes to Jesus" campaign… it is our prayer that we will become bold and wise in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with those God has given us responsibility for!!

Matthew 5

11 “God blesses you when people mock you and
persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil
things against you because you are my followers. 12 Be
happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits
you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets
were persecuted in the same way.
13 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt
if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It
will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as
worthless.

14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

- So what if your not popular… (you never were anyway!)
- God the Father is the one we need to be popular with!

Matthew 10

16 Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves.
So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. 17
But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts
and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. 18
You will stand trial before governors and kings because
you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity
to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me. 19
When you are arrested, don’t worry about how to
respond or what to say. God will give you the right

words at the right time. 20 For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

- Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will speak through you in the moment of truth!!
- We only have to look over in the book of Acts and we will find this exact scenario playing out before us and God being good to His word!
- The chapter opens with the arrest of Peter & John for a miraculous healing of a cripple & speaking in the name of Jesus!

Acts 4

16 “What should we do with these men?” they asked each other. “We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. 17 But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus’ name again.” 18 So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But

Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? 20 We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”
21 The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn’t know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God 22 for this miraculous sign—the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years.

- I love this response! “*Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him*?”

- What’s the response the Christ followers took to the threat?

23 As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. 24 When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God:…

Action Steps

- How are you being a light to the world God has placed you?
- How can you allow the Light of Jesus Christ to shine through you in your world?
- What can you do to release the fear of this world for the fear of God?
- Will you today “Say Yes to Jesus?”