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Day 13 of 365







Week 2 – Children of faith

Its always been about faith, from Adam being told not to eat the forbidden fruit, to Abraham being told to lay his only son on the altar, to Jesus carrying our cross, to the day we accept Him as Lord and savior, is about faith. You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free! If you have faith in the truth then rejoice daily, the Truth will never leave you, He will never forsake you, and He will be your advocate with the Father!

Day 13 – your sins are forgiven

And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace. (Luke Chapter 7 verse 48-50 KJV)

The hardest thing for people is to feel powerless but in truth we are powerless, we are powerless to save ourselves from the assured death, grave, and hell for all those who do not trust in Jesus. Most major religions do not try and deny Christ they simply call Him a "great teacher" or a "prophet" but ignore and distort His message, the Gospel reminds us of the truth: Jesus is Christ, the only begotten Son of God and is the ONLY way back to the Father. Even in His time during His earthly ministry people struggled with the fact that Christ forgave sins, so many still struggle with that same thing in the year 2013. "How can anyone love me?" or "He doesn't know what I did" and the truth is He does know, not only does He know but He knew every sin you would ever commit! With all that He still says "if you will be faithful and believe and trust in me, trust in the work I've done, through your faith in what I've done for you, you are saved!"

If you had cancer and you were slowly dying as the doctor came to you and said "I have this great new cure for cancer and it will totally and fully drive the death away" you would say "what is the catch doctor?" Perhaps the doctor would not be able to keep eye contact as he said "you must believe that the cure will work with all your heart" chances are you would want to believe but you know the power of cancer... just as you know the power of cancer you know all the terrible and awful things you've done but trust in this truth: so does God! Knowing all the terrible and evil things you did in the past He still desperately loves you and if you would only believe in your heart that His grace is enough and confess

your sins, repent and turn fully to Him you would be saved! As you enter day 13 of the 365 day devotion I pray you would know: by faith in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary you are set free! Don't waste one more second being ashamed of the past, live for the future in Jesus Christ and walk obediently in love to Him seeking to know the One who set you free more!
Today's prayer:
Today pray the Lord would give you strength to put the past where it belongs. Pray the Lord would forgive you for every sin, even those painful, shameful things that you have done. Pray the Lord would fully restore you to a right relationship through His Son Jesus. Pray the Lord would pour out His love on you and draw you closer than you knew possible!