

Grace and Faith

February 2, 2020

Hulk Hogan - Sermon Study

1. Read **1Tim 6:12** and **Matt 11:12**. Is your victory just going to **come easy**... or do you have to **fight**? What does that mean to you?
2. Is it possible to **define truth**? Read **John 1:1-17... John 14:6... John 18:37**. **Where** is that truth found? Read **Gal 2** and **Gal 4:11-21**. What does **truth do** for you? Read **John 8:31-32**.
3. What is the **gospel all about**? What is it **not about**? Read **Isa 64:6... Rom 1:16-17... Rom 3:21-26**. How do you think we get that **messed up** in our belief about Christianity today?
4. If you are a believer in Christ... **what are you like**? Read **Acts 1:8... Phil 2:5-11... 2Pet 1:1-4... 1John 4:17**. Do you **believe** that? Why or why not? What would help you believe? Read **Rom 10:14-17**.
5. Read **Rom 8:6-11**. What does the HS want to do for your **mortal body**? How is that possible? Read **Rom 12:2... 2Cor 3:18... Heb 12:1-3**. Where are you in the process of **renewing your mind**?
6. How does **grace and faith** fit in? Read **Rom 5:2, 21** in the **GSV**. What does belief do?
7. What are the **three myths** that can **derail** our Christianity? Read **Acts 14:22... Eph 6:13... 1Pet 1:13**. Read **1Cor 10:13** and **1Pet 4:12**. Read **Matt 24:9-14... Mark 13:9-13... John 5, 8**.
8. How does your **fight end**? Read **Rom 8:32-39** and **1John 4:4**. What will you do? Read **Josh 24:15**.

Please read entire passages of scripture to get full context. See sermon notes for more info.

Sermon Notes

Hulk Hogan - 1Tim 6:12

I. Introduction

- a. why this sermon title... Hulk's been in a few fights... I've been in a few... even made video about us a while back...
- b. definition of a good fight (**one you win**)... if you are going to exercise power and authority over evil... going to have to seize it by force...
1Tim 6:12... "**fight good fight of faith... take hold of life... confess it...**"
epilambanomai... *overtake, attain, take possession; seize; rescue...*
Matt 11:12... "**kingdom has been suffering... violent seize it by force...**"
basileia... *not confused with actual kingdom; power, authority, right to rule...*
- c. devil not going to roll over and give up when you become Christian... fight starts moment you believe... grace is free, faith is a fight... **pray**...
Mark 4:13-20... "**sower sows Word... satan comes at once to steal... some receive with joy, trouble, persecution come and they fall away... some hear, but message is crowded out by worry, wealth, pleasure & they become unfruitful... some have good soil and welcome Word... produce 30, 60, 100-fold harvest...**"

II. Hulk Hogan

- a. as Christians, we have a race to run... God wants us to finish it...
2Tim 4:1-8... "**preach the Word... rebuke, correct, encourage with great patience... time is coming when people won't listen to sound teaching... they will reject truth... I have fought good fight, finished race, kept the faith...**"
- b. knowing and believing truth helps us finish race... truth is Jesus... truth sets us free... found in Gospel of Grace... grace and truth go together...
John 1:1-17... "**full of grace & truth... law given; grace & truth came...**"
John 14:6... "**I am the way... the truth... and the life...**"
John 18:37... "**I was born and came to world... to testify to the truth...**"
Gal 2... "**not yield a minute... so truth of Gospel would remain... saw they were deviating from truth of Gospel... do not set aside the grace of God...**"
Gal 4... "**preached Gospel... telling you truth... women are two covenants...**"
- c. bible is not Gospel... contains Gospel... not about us... all about God and His righteousness... only made righteous thru Jesus...
Isa 64:6... "**all our righteousnesses are filthy rags...**"
Rom 1:16-17... "**in Gospel... God's righteousness is revealed...**"
Rom 3:21-26... "**righteousness of God has been revealed...**"
- d. spiritual burnout (**give up, quit**) is enemy to our destiny... doesn't come from what you do... but **how you do it**... have to be taught *how* to run this race... *how* to fight the good fight... *how* to endure...
Heb 12:1-3... "**lay aside every weight... run race with endurance... so you won't become weary and discouraged in your souls...**"
- e. soul gets weary, not spirit (**united w/Christ, perfect, holy, complete**) ...
Acts 1:8... "**you will receive power when HS comes on you...**"
dunamis... *power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature...*
Phil 2:5-11... "**think of yourselves the way Christ thought of himself...**"
2Pet 1:1-4... "**these promises enable you to share in the divine nature...**"
1John 4:17... "**as He is... so are we in this world...**"

- f. 3-part beings (**spirit, soul, body**) ... power already in spirit... how do we get it to body and soul... by what you believe... not what you do...
 Heb 4:12... **“Word cuts between soul, spirit, joints & marrow...”**
 Rom 8:6-11... **“carnal mind is death... spiritual mind is life... if Christ in you... body is dead, spirit is life... He will give life to mortal body thru His Spirit...”**
- g. spirit is life... body is dead... soul in middle... HS wants to give life to our mortal body... prevent you from getting weary, sick, fearful, discouraged and quit... has to go thru soul to reach body... but how...
 Rom 12:2... **“be transformed by renewing (complete change) of your mind...”**
 2Cor 3... **“see glory of Jesus... transformed into same image... by HS...”**
 Heb 12... **“keep eyes on Jesus... author and finisher of faith... won’t quit...”**
- h. watch how grace and faith are a part of that... keeping our eyes on what Jesus has done... not what we do... is how to win this fight...
 Rom 5:2, 21... **“access by faith into grace... grace reign in life...”**
GSV... “obtained access by belief... into divine influence which strengthens and enables... grace will exercise power thru a condition acceptable to God... resulting in absolute fullness of life, real and genuine, active and vigorous...”
- i. three myths that often lead to discouragement, quitting, failure...
Christianity is not Cabelas - not all fun and games... fight against evil...
 Acts 14:22... **“encourage them to continue in faith... thru many tribulations...”**
 Eph 6:13... **“put on full armor of God... resist in this evil day...”**
 1Pet 1:13... **“prepare your minds... rest your hope fully on grace...”**
No special problems - everyone has problems... even those ahead of us in race, problems just don’t have them... must learn to deal with them...
 1Cor 10:13... **“no temptation seized you... except what is common to man...”**
 1Pet 4:12... **“when fiery ordeal arises... don’t be surprised... not unusual...”**
Everyone will love me - hilarious... not even close... persecution grows when you grow closer to Christ... know identity or it’ll affect walk with God...
 Matt 24:9-14... **“kill you... hated by all nations... take offense... betray you...”**
 Mark 13:9-13... **“handed over... flogged... arrest you... hated by everyone...”**
 John 5, 8... **“everything my Father says about me is true... your approval or disapproval means nothing... my Father says glorious things about me...”**
- j. grace keeps us going as faith fights... already decided we win... like WWE... winner and loser already decided... winner looks like he’s losing most of the match... *it’s over*... HS is referee to make sure you win...
 Rom 8:32-39... **“in all these troubles... we are more than victorious...”**
 1John 4:4... **“you have already won your fight... Spirit in you is greater...”**
- k. that’s why this is called *Hulk Hogan*... remember that video... keep hearing about Jesus... believe God’s promises... win this good fight... **pray**...
 Josh 24:15... **“as for me and my house... we will worship the Lord...”**

Walk

Col 2:6... *just as you received Christ, continue to walk in Him...*

If we have received Christ Himself in our inmost hearts, our new life will manifest its intimate acquaintance by a walk of faith in Him. **Walking implies action.** Our religion is not to be confined to our closet. We must carry out into practical effect that which we believe. If a man walks in Christ, then he so acts as Christ would act... for Christ being in him, his hope, his love, his joy, his life, he is the reflex image of Jesus, and men would say of that man, *he is like his Master, he lives like Jesus Christ.*

Walking signifies progress. *So walk ye in Him.* Proceed from grace to grace, run forward until you reach the uttermost degree of knowledge that a man can attain concerning our Beloved.

Walking implies continuance. There must be a perpetual abiding in Christ. How many of us think in the morning and evening they ought to come into the company of Jesus, and may then give their hearts to the world all the day. This is poor living. We should always be with Him, treading in His steps and doing His will.

Walking also implies habit. When we speak of a man's walk and conversation, we mean his habits, the constant tenor of his life. Now, if we sometimes enjoy Christ, and then forget Him, sometimes call Him ours, and anon lose our hold, that is not a habit. We do not walk in Him. We must keep to Him, cling to Him, never let Him go, but live and have our being in Him.

As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him. Persevere in the same way in which ye have begun, and, as the first Christ **Jesus was the trust of your faith**, the source of your life, the principle of your action, and the joy of your spirit, so let Him be the same till life's end. The same when you walk thru the valley of the shadow of death, and enter into the joy and the rest which remain for the people of God.

O Holy Spirit, enable us to obey this heavenly precept.

Charles Spurgeon
Morning and Evening Devotional – November 9th

Trials

1Pet 1:7... *the trial of your faith...*

Faith untried may be true faith, but it is sure to be little faith,
and it is likely to remain dwarfish so long as it is without trials.
Faith never prospers so well as when all things are against her.
Tempests are her trainers and lightnings are her illuminators.

When a calm reigns on the sea, spread the sails as you will, the ship moves not to its harbor,
for on a slumbering ocean the keel sleeps too. Let the winds rush howling forth,
and let the waters lift themselves up, then, though the vessel may rock,
and her deck may be washed with waves, and her mast may creak under the pressure
of the full and swelling sail, it is then that she makes headway towards her desired haven.

No flowers wear so lovely a blue as those which grow at the foot of the frozen glacier.
No stars gleam so brightly as those which glisten in the polar sky.
No water tastes so sweet as that which springs amid the desert sand.
No faith is as precious as that which lives and triumphs in adversity.
Tried faith brings experience.

You could not have believed your own weakness had you not
been compelled to pass through the rivers, and you would
never have known God's strength had you not been supported amid the water-floods.
Faith increases in solidity, assurance, and intensity,
the more it is exercised with tribulation.
Faith is precious, and its trial is precious too.

Let not this, however, discourage those who are young in faith. You will have trials enough without
seeking them, the full portion will be measured out to you in due season.

Meanwhile, if you cannot yet claim the result of long experience, **thank God for what grace you have.** Praise
Him for that degree of holy confidence whereunto you have attained. Walk according to that rule, and you
shall yet have more and more of the blessing of God, till **your faith shall remove mountains** and the
impossible.

Charles Spurgeon
Morning and Evening Devotional – November 12th