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SUBJECT: Faithful Chets
Death

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I. Supreme Love For Jesus Our Lord

John 14: 25, 26 "And there went great
multitudes with him, and he turned
and said unto them,
If any man come to me,
and hate not his father, and mother, and
wife, and children, and brethren, and
sisters, yea, and his own life also, he
cannot be my disciple."

Our love for him is greater, any other is
comparison is hate. Jesus is first.

(c) Nathan Hale, entered Yale to study for
the ministry. 1775 joined the Revolutionary Army.
Washington used information volunteered as
a spy, dressed as a Tory school teacher. Executed,
Sept 21, 1776, N.Y. City Market & East Broadway.
Last words: "I regret I have not more life to
lose for my country."

There to give life, Rome, Rome, Rome, because,
he will give it God to you, sacrifice, allowed.

A life I love and promise to Jesus.
(c) Charles Wesley, "O for a thousand tongues."

The Denial of Self

Matt. 16:24, 25 "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

"Whoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

See on the theme?
Peter " " " "

John 14:23 "Whoever he is? you did promise and all that he said. He cannot be my disciple."

From his

1st Cor. 15:12-18 refuses to leave the Master giving rise to the door

My Master, lead me to the door,
since this willing ear once more.
Thy bonds are freedom: let me stay
with thee to toil, endure, obey.

complete submission to the Father's will.
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III Deliberately Choosing The Cross

Math. 10:38 "Who that takes not his cross and follows after me is not worthy of me."
Math 16:34 "If any man will come after me, ... let him take up his cross and follow me."

The cross - an instrument to die or.
- not some physical anguish, personal disappointment. These concerns to all men.
- a pathway deliberately chosen; death to the deepest desires of the flesh, a repudiation of the world.

to present illustration:

(9) Math. 10:31 "give away what you have, and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved; for he had great possessions."
57, 44, 20 Math 16:3

I John 3:15-17 "Whoever does not love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
And the world passes away and the lust of it: but he that does the will of the Father abides forever."

IV. An Unswerving Continuance in the
Word of God

John 8: 31, 32 "If ye continue in my word,
then are ye my disciples. indeed,
and ye shall know the truth,
the truth shall make ye free."

John 14: 23, 24 "If any man love me, he
will keep my words. - and the word which
ye hear is not mine but the Father's which
sent me."

A deep, penetrating, never sated thirst
for the word of God.

Rom. 10: 17 "faith cometh by hearing, and
hearing by the word of God."
Food for the soul, manna from heaven

More about Jesus in His word
Holding communion with my Lord,
Hearing His voice in every line,
Making each faithful saying mine.

CONTINUING

V A Living Faith In X that Knows no Turning Back and No Defeat

1. A living faith, consumed with one desire, to please Him.

f. the weakness / need, to please others
John 17:42, 43 "Among the chief rulers many believed in him, but because the Pharisees they did not comfort him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue."

For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

If any psychologist will confirm, one of the deepest drives of man is to be appreciated, acclaimed, accepted by our peers. We have a dread of repudiation, censure

f. But look at Jesus

John 1:10, 11 "He was in the world and the world was made by him and the world knew him not."

He came unto his own and his own received him not."

- His own townspeople repudiated him at Nazareth
- Matt 2:24; Mark 5:40; 29:8:53 "they laughed him to scorn" at Capernaum.
- They plotted to take his life at Bethany
- They crucified him in Jerusalem.

g. Listen to his words: John 6:26 "How can you believe all men shall speak well of you."

V A Fundamental Love For The People of God

John 13:34, 35 'A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you.'

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.'

John 15:12, 13 'This is my commandment, that ye love one another, more than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

15:17 'These things I command you, that ye love one another.'

(a) As yet speak John, when he held up the other side. 'Little children, love one another.' 'But you have said that Smyth says? - 'It is enough.'

I Cor. 13

1 Cor. 13:3 'in lowliness I would let each esteem the better than himself.'

2. However fate, providence turns, our
commitment to X never changes.

Ps. 9:62 "No man, having put his hand
to the plough, and looking back, is fit
to be a kingdom of God."

Keep me from turning back,
The handles of my plough will trace an arc west,
The shears with rust are spoiled, and pl, and pl,
my God! my God! Keep me from turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus
no turning back, no turning back.

The more you go with me
I still will follow

The cross before me, the world behind
no turning back, no turning back.

3. NO DEFEAT IN FOLLOWING HIM
We can never fail & be defeated in Him.
Faith brings God into the scene and therefore
knows absolutely nothing about defeat.
Faith laughs at infirmities
Unbelief says, "How could such a thing be?"
Unbelief is full of "hows."
Faith has an answer to 10,000 "hows."

Rom. 4:17 / God who quickeneth the dead,
calleth those things which be not as though
they were.

: 18 Abraham against hope believes
in hope

: 19 And being not weak in
faith, he considered not his own body
now dead, when he was an hundred
year old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah,
nor he:

: 20 he staggered not at the promise
of God through unbelief, but was strong
in faith.

: 21 Being fully persuaded that,
what God had promised, he was able
also to perform.

1. Heb. 15: 1-5 age, in child, under the law, so need be

: 6 he believes in the law and his faith
was credited for righteousness.

Faith, mighty faith, the promise seen
and looks to God alone;
laughs at impossibilities
and cries, "It shall be done"

Our God specializes in impossibilities
Jh. 1:27 "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Nothing is too hard for Him.

Gen. 18:14 "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Jh. 18:27 "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Faith claims the promise
Mk. 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, 'If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.'"

Phil 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Doubt sees the obstacles

Faith sees the way.

Doubt sees the darkest night

Faith sees the day.

Doubt dreads to take a step

Faith roars on high.

Doubt questions, "Who believes?"

Faith answers, "I."

CHARLES WESLEY 1707-1788

Ordained a minister, Church of England, 1735

Wonderfully awakened, converted, 1738

Wrote a hymn to commemorate the fall of Jerusalem, 1739.

For a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King,
The triumph of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
And spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that calms my fears,
That bids my sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life as health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

Rev. 2:10

Smyrna = the martyrs church
 = the only one of the seven in
 whom the Lord found no fault.

"Be thou faithful unto death and
 I will give thee a crown of life."

"even unto death" i.e., not turned
 from faithfulness even by the loss
 of life itself.

(not, "be faithful to death and
 you will be saved")

"Crown" στέφανος, the reward
 of faithfulness.

(1) a diadem of royalty
(2) a garland of victory.

THE SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF A
 FAITHFUL X^m

THE SEVEN MARKS OF A TRUE
 DISCIPLE OF JESUS

They are clear and unequivocal

JOHN FAWCETT 1739-1817

Born in a little town in Yorkshire, England.
Very good parents. At 13 sent to London apprentice to a tailor.
16 years old, attended a revival meeting, Rev. Whitefield,
wonderfully converted. Gave his life to God & Baptist ministers.

Some parts of a small church in WARMSGATE,
Yorkshire. Salary less than 200 a year. His growing
family needed support; accepted to call of a much
larger and famous church in London.

Inventures, books, family belongings loaded on ocean
Hull provided his party adms. from party reserves.
The members around the voyage, something. He
gathered up the family getting ready to drift away.
His wife must in tears. "John, I cannot bear the
I do not know how we have lived."
"Will it do?" he replied. "We will remain here."
Unloaded the ropes.

Back in the same, set down, most

Bliss be to his God builds
Our hearts in your love
The fellowship of kindred ministers
In life to live alone.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, our sorrows,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
Our ~~eyes~~ eyes for each other flows,
The sympathizing tear.

He stayed there over 50 years, deeply loved by all the people.

Fame came to him.
1780 asked to meet by King. His
message to impress the monarch, he promised
to read any paper to present myself as. He
asked nothing for himself, but on one of his
paper was sentenced to death for forgery (murder
in some cases of the time); he asked pardon for
the report. The King granted the humble request.

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VII. Committed to a Belief in ^{another} ~~another~~ world
living, working, looking forward to, " "

Col. 3:2 "Set your affections on things
above, not on things on the earth."

I Cor. 15:19 "If in this life only we have
hope in \bar{x} , we are of all men most
miserable."

(a) The hopelessness of Clarence Dawson "....."

But God's heroes of faith

Heb. 11:9 "By faith Abraham sojourned
in the land of promise, as in a strange
country."

: 10 For he looked for a city which
had foundations, whose builder and
maker is God

: 13 They embrace the promise, or
confessed that they were strangers or
pilgrims on the earth

: now they desire a better
country, that is, one heavenly: wherefore
God is not ashamed to be called their
God; for he hath prepared for them
a city."

Rev. 21: 2 "And I John saw the holy city,
new Jerusalem, coming down from God out
of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned
for her husband."

There's a holy and beautiful city
whose builder and ruler is God.
John saw it descending from Heaven
when Satan is still in bed.

Its high, massive wall is of jasper,
The city itself is pure gold,
And when my frail tent here is folded
mine eyes shall its beauty behold.

No heartaches are known in that city
no tears nor mourning do we
There's no disappointment in Heaven
no envy and strife in the sky.

The saints are sanctified wholly
They live in sweet harmony there
My heart is now set on that city
and someday its blessings all share.

In that bright city, pearly white it
I stand a martyr, an King, and a crown.
Now I am watching, waiting and hoping
For the white city that's soon coming down.

Clarence Darrow

"The Story of my Life"

"If there is no scrap of proof that we are alive after we are dead, why is not that scrap given to the world? Certainly under all the rules of logic, the one who assumes that an apparently dead person is still alive should be able to produce substantial proof. Not only is there no evidence of immortality but the facts show it is utterly impossible for us that there should be a life beyond this on earth."

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