

Standing Firm: Live Chat Summary

Standing Firm in the Word

-When studying the Word we must remember to rely on the Holy Ghost for guidance. Study the life of Christ and look for how the scriptures reveal Him.

-We should also have a body of Spirit-filled believers around us where we can find confirmation or correction for our interpretation/understanding of scripture.

-Signs we are falling into error include thinking only we/our place of fellowship have the Truth.

-Any teaching that takes biblical principles (but removes the need for faith or salvation in Christ) and applies the principles of selfish ambition or self-sufficiency will eventually lead us away from the heart of God.

*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation - **2 Peter 1:20***

*You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life - **John 5:39-40***

Standing Firm in Community

-We must allow Abba to define our community within the boundaries He sets/desires for all of our relationships. He understands our hearts and determines the proximity of each person in our lives.

-Just as Jesus did not have the same level of intimacy with all of His disciples, so we will not have the same level of intimacy with members of our community. Beth Moore said it well; authenticity with all, transparency with most, intimacy with some.

*And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves - **Matthew 17:1***

*Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved - **John 13:23***

Standing Firm in Hard Seasons

-Our process/the pain we go through has a purpose, it is not in vain.

-Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him. What is the joy (promise, vision, word) set before you? This helps you press ahead in hard seasons.

-Where do you place your hope? When our hope/expectation is not rooted in Christ and a specific/rhema Word we can find ourselves wrestling with disappointment.

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God - **Hebrews 12:2***

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose - **Romans 8:28***