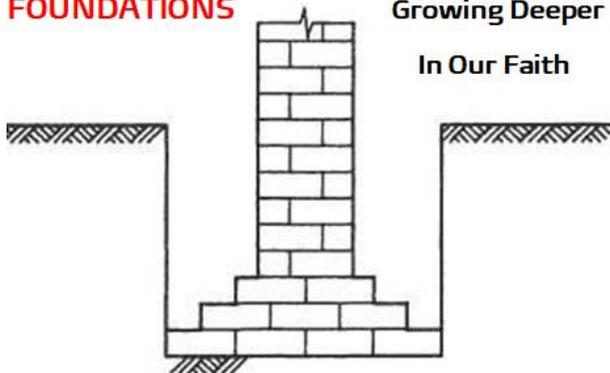


FOUNDATIONS



Growing Deeper

In Our Faith

Foundations Bible Study for the week of July 5, 2020

- Read the Foundational Truth Text: **2 Cor 1:3-4; John 16:33**
- Today's Message from: Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr.
- Watch the Foundational Truth Video and use the outline below as you watch:

<https://watch.trbc.org/media/A+Legacy+of+Faith+-+Never%2C+Never+Quit+-+The+God+of+All+Encouragement/0+ijax7xit>

Sermon: "Never, Never Quit!" – The God of all encouragement

Psalms 11:3 (NKJV) ³If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

STUDY NOTES:

"I have never known God to use a discouraged person" – D.L. Moody

- I. Trouble is a basic need for spiritual growth
- II. God's grace is never available for tomorrow (but it is always available for today)
- III. God's ultimate high is not known until you first know God's ultimate crisis
- IV. You will never get out of trouble completely (Job 14:1)
 - a. We must learn HOW to live when we face trouble
 - b. You are not alone in suffering (1 Cor 10:13)
- V. Trouble is NOT always judgement
- VI. You must, with God's help, attempt to bear your burdens and solve your own problems
 - a. No one else can solve your problems for you
 - b. Crybabies are not needed (in the local church)
 - c. A true friend is a person who walks in when the rest of the world walks out (and will pray with you about your problems)
- VII. WHY DO WE NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?
 - a. Because wishful thinking and false optimism are detrimental to us! – (Gal 6:9)
 - b. Because Satan knows how to discourage us! He uses:
 - i. Our prayerlessness
 - ii. Physical fatigue
 - iii. Unconfessed sin
 - iv. Failures and embarrassments
 - v. Constant routines and boredom
 - vi. Constant pressures
 - vii. Betrayals and disappointments
 - viii. Selfishness and stagnation in life
 - ix. The love of money
 - x. The love of power
 - xi. The lust of the eyes (things in life)
 - xii. Sex
 - xiii. Lack of personal maintenance / cruising through life with no ambition
 1. A powerful prayer life provides ambition
- VIII. Things we need to overcome discouragement
 - a. A Life-Long Vision
 - b. Daily Discipline – (Hebrews 12)
 - c. Continual learning
 - d. Living with the desire for personal revival

Reflections Questions:

1. Why do we need encouragement in this life?
2. How am "I" taking the steps needed to encourage others? Who do you know that you need to encourage more often?
3. What is Satan using to discourage me currently? How can I overcome these attacks / problems?
4. What is my vision for the future? (for my family, for my church, for my personal relationship with Christ).
5. Has Satan used me to discourage others? If so, ask for forgiveness and ask God to help you overcome your problems!