

EMMANUEL'S PRAYER LIST - October 2021

Prison Ministry - Paul Robinson

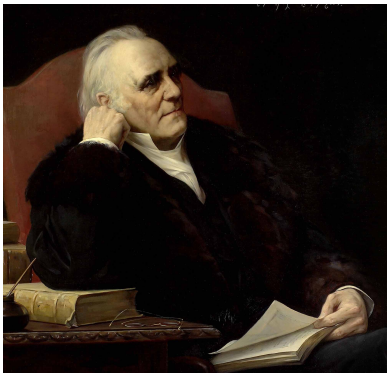
- Pray for the prisons to open their doors for visitors soon and safely, this will encourage the men.
- Chaplains need to witness to the men of God's power, as prisons have been closed for months.
- Pray for Paul as he wants to be the chaplain for the Wellington Dukes to witness for Jesus.
- Praise for Paul's devotion for the men in prison and his desire to present the Gospel.

Additional Study The parable of the soils Luke 8:4-15

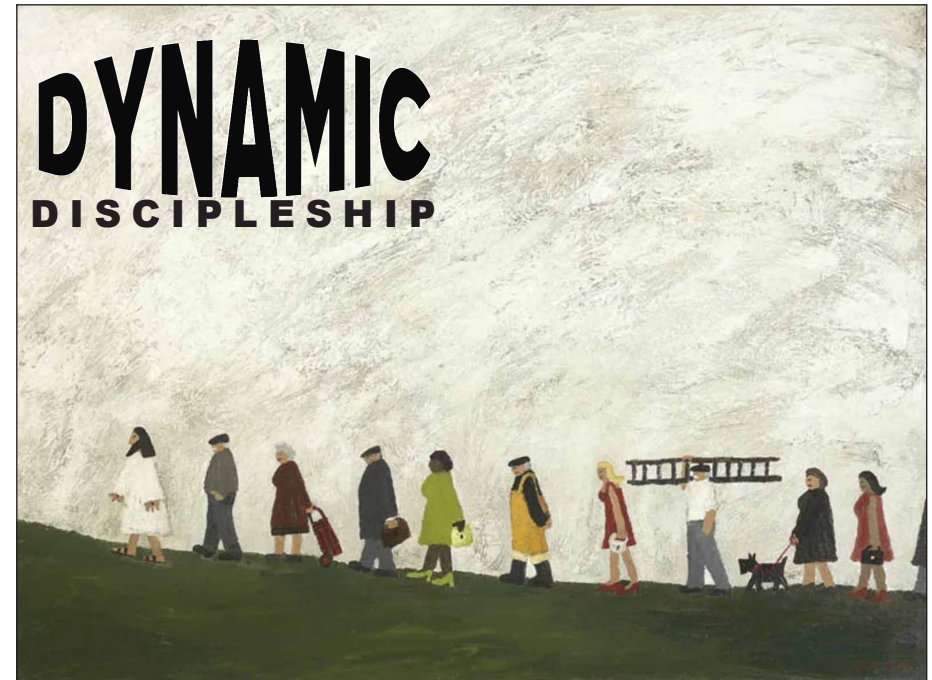
Our faith is tested through trials, temptations, suffering and the work of Satan. When doubt comes because of this, it can cause us to walk away from God, or, it can result in a stronger, deeper, faith. In the parable of the sower, there were 4 groups of people, who were influenced by the word of God, and had different responses.

1. What caused each of those who fell, to walk away from God?
2. Consider what kind of things could have caused those who walked away to do so.
3. The last of the four groups, were those on whom the seed fell on 'good soil'. These people weren't any different than any of the others when it came to trials, temptations, suffering, and the work of Satan in trying to destroy their faith. They just responded in a different way. From verse 15, what must we do with the Word of God in order to deal with doubts that come, and become people of faith?

What practical things can you do to develop 'good soil' in your heart?



Jean-Henri d'Aubigné 1794-1872
Swiss Protestant minister and historian.
This was d'Aubigné's response to a student who was struggling with doubts, and asked d'Aubigné for help.
"Were I to rid you of these others would come. There is a shorter and more effective way of destroying them. Let Christ be to you really the Son of God, the Saviour, and His light will dispel the darkness, and His Spirit will lead you into all truth."



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Dynamic Discipleship - Dealing with doubt - John 6:60-71

The Holy Spirit leads us into all _____ (Jn 16:13)

He takes our _____ and turns them into _____

WHEN BELIEVING GETS HARD

John 6:25-59 review:

Things that cause people today to question God:

Specific issues that caused the Jews to walk away from Jesus:

1. v.62

2. v.63

3. v.64-65

1 Cor 2:14

FINDING FAITH (v.66-71)

1. Use your doubts to motivate you into seeking _____

Unbelief =

Doubt =

Deut 29:29 tells us that there are some things that are...

2. Let God's light _____ into your life

Matt 7:7 Tells us to _____, _____ and _____

Rom 10:17

3. Give your doubts to God - Let faith come rushing in

Peter:

There comes a time when you have to make a _____ who you will believe

1. Is there anything in the Bible that you wish wasn't there? What has been your biggest struggle with faith and belief, and the Word of God?
2. Read John 6:25-59. The people had seen Jesus feed the 5000 - many of them, maybe most, had been a part of the crowd. Now Jesus talks to them about being the, 'Bread of life'. After reading this passage, what do you think were the issues that were causing them to struggle with what Jesus said?
3. In John 6:42 those listening said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" How hard is it for people to accept that Jesus is fully God and fully man? Try to explain it yourself.

In v. 62 Jesus addresses this struggle. What did He mean by what he said to them?
4. In v.53, Jesus says, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." Meaning that our earthly life counts for nothing eternally, we need Jesus, who gives us the Holy Spirit. He repeats this, in different words, in Verse 63. The people couldn't understand, they even thought that he might be talking literally, about eating his flesh and drinking his blood. Explain what Jesus is saying in your own words.

1 Cor 2:14 explains that if we don't have the Spirit of God, we cannot understand the things of God. Which comes first, faith or understanding? How do you think the Holy Spirit 'explains' or 'reveals' the things of God to us?
5. Read Verses 64-65. Also read John 12:32 and Ephesians 2:8-9. Jesus was telling them that belief in Jesus was essential. He was also saying that we can only come to belief by God drawing us to Himself. From these three passages explain what Jesus is saying about how that happens in our life.
6. What is the difference between doubt and unbelief? Read Deut 29:29. Pastor Peter said, 'It is the things that God has revealed that makes faith possible. It is the things that God has kept secret that makes faith necessary'. Explain.
7. Read Matt 7:7, John 6:13, 2 Tim 3:16, Heb 4:12 and Romans 10:17. How does the Holy Spirit, in conjunction with the Word of God, take our doubts and turn them into faith?
8. Read John 6:66-71. Peter undoubtedly had the same questions that those who left Jesus had. There comes a time when we need to make a decision about 'who' to believe, even though we don't fully understand. Have you made that decision? What do you need to do, over the rest of your life, to solidify what you have chosen to believe?