Teaching Notes

Faith: The Overcoming Key!
Lesson One: The Purpose of Faith

I. Faith begins where the will of God is known. What is God’s will towards us?
   a. It is believed the Bible contains over 7000 direct statements of God’s will towards us! These are called, Promises!
   
   b. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious PROMISES: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (II Peter 1:4) KJV
   
   c. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (Jeremiah 29:11) KJV
   
   d. For the Believer, promises are intended to provide the correct framework for understanding both the positive and negative situations in our life.
   
   e. A promise operates as a mooring or anchor for our faith.
      i. Mooring: any permanent structure to which a vessel may be secured (i.e. rock, wharfs, piers, anchor buoys, and mooring buoys).
         1. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalms 18:2) NIV
      ii. A ship is secured to a fixed position to prevent free movement on the water without connecting the vessel to shore.
   
   f. What is the difference between a lighthouse and a mooring?
      i. A lighthouse helps you see the direction in which you should go. A mooring allows you to stay connected once you get there.
         1. The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?

II. The purpose of faith is to connect us to the promise that we’ve received through the light of God. Faith operates as a ROPE to lasso the promise that is ours until it is manifested.

   a. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:12) KJV
   
   b. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13) NIV