



# Sermon Notes April 19, 2020

## Steadfastness

**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Steadfast means to **sit**, be **immovable**, **firm**.

- No God doesn't tease his children with the impossible.
- Living the Christian life is an attainable goal with God's help.

The source of our strength to be steadfast is **Christ**.

**John 15:5 – He is the energy**

**Galatians 2:20 - The power of our faith is Christ in us.**

**It's this power that makes us capable of doing greater things that we can ask or think.**

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Our asking and thinking is limited, but His power is not!

**THE ONLY REASON CHRISTIANS SAY THEY CAN'T IS BECAUSE THEY ARE TRUSTING IN THEIR OWN ABILITIES!**

THREE REASONS THAT CHRIST IS OUR SOURCE OF STRENGTH

- 1) His **resurrection** proves **He is the Son of God with Power**.  
**Romans 1:1-4**
  - 2) His **ascension** put him at the **right** hand of the Father. **Acts 2:30-33**
  - 3) His **intercession** is for **helping** us with our needs. **Hebrews 4:14-16**
- ☞ Paul summarizes this in Romans 8:33-34

Thank God for Christ our source of strength to do his will.

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

*Christians would soak their life in prayer and God's word, they would be able and willing to do anything for Christ.*

GOD GIVES US AN OUTLINE IN HEBREWS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF STEADFASTNESS AND HOW TO REMAIN STEADFAST. **HEBREWS 3:5-19**

**Steadfastness demonstrates our salvation. Vrs. 5-6, 14**

Our steadfastness proves that we are the Lord's.

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**Hebrews 3:5-19** And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken; (6) but Christ as a son, over his house; **whose house are we, if we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope firm unto the end.** (14) for we are become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end:

Five actions you can take to remain steadfast.

1. **Keep a soft heart. Hebrews Vrs. 7,8**

(7) Wherefore, even as the Holy Spirit saith, **To-day if ye shall hear his voice, (8) Harden not your hearts,** as in the provocation, Like as in the day of the trial in the wilderness

➤ **James 1:21**

2. **Learn His ways. Hebrews Vrs. 9-11**

(9) Where your fathers tried *me* by proving *me*, And saw my works forty years. (10) Wherefore I was displeased with this generation, And said, They do always err in their heart: **But they did not know my ways;** (11) As I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest

➤ **Proverbs 2:1-8**

3. **Guard your belief. Hebrews Vrs. 12**

(12) **Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief,** in falling away from the living God:

➤ **1 Timothy 6:20-21, 2 Timothy 1:13-14**

4. Get busy **exhorting** others. Hebrews Vrs. 13

(13) **but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called To-day; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin:**

➤ **1 Timothy 4:16**

5. **Refuse to let sin be acceptable. Hebrews Vrs. 15-19**

(15) while it is said, **To-day if ye shall hear his voice, Harden not your hearts,** as in the provocation. (16) For who, when they heard, did provoke? nay, did not all they that came out of Egypt by Moses? (17) **And with whom was he displeased forty years? was it not with them that sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?** (18) And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, **but to them that were disobedient?** (19) And we see that they were not able to enter in **because of unbelief.**

➤ **Romans 6:12, Romans 12:9, Ephesians 5:3-11, 2 Timothy 2:19**

**Three things you can do today.**

1. **Decide** to live a steadfast life for Christ.

➤ **Colossians 1:21-23**

2. **Humbly** seek God for help.

➤ **Isaiah 57:15**

3. **Trust** God to fulfill your godly desire.

➤ **Ephesians 3:20-21**

**Final exhortation:** Your steadfastness will be **refreshing** to others.

**1 Corinthians 16:15-18**