

## SERMON NOTES

A KNOTTY FAITH November 23-24, 2013

Ecclesiastes 4:12 *(TEV)* <sup>12</sup> Two people can resist an attack that would defeat one person alone. A rope made of three cords is hard to break.

2 Corinthians 11:32-33 (TEV) <sup>32</sup> When I was in Damascus, the governor under King Aretas placed guards at the city gates to arrest me. <sup>33</sup> But I was let down in a basket through an opening in the wall and escaped from him.

### 1. THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 8:15 (ASV) <sup>15</sup> And that in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having <u>heard the word, hold it fast,</u> and bring forth fruit with patience.

"As for you, if you hold fast to my teaching, then you are truly my disciples; John 8:31 (WEY)

1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

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Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by (JUNK FOOD ALONE) bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

## 2. THE GRACE OF GOD

Acts 13:43 (WEY)

<sup>43</sup> And, when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and of the devout converts from heathenism continued with Paul and Barnabas, who talked to them and urged them to <u>hold fast to the grace of God.</u>

*"The law detects, grace alone conquers sin."* Saint Augustine of Hippo *(354-430)* 

The law tells me how crooked I am. Grace comes along and straightens me out. D.L. Moody

### 3. To The Faith

Acts 14:22 (WEY)

<sup>22</sup> Everywhere they strengthened the disciples by encouraging them to <u>hold fast</u> <u>to the faith</u>, and warned them saying, "It is through many afflictions that we must make our way into the Kingdom of God."

#### 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (AMP)

<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive or beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the apostasy comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come], and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition),

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#### 4. To The Traditions

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (AMP)

<sup>15</sup> So then, brethren, stand firm and <u>hold fast to the traditions</u> and instructions which you were taught by us, whether by our word of mouth or by letter.

#### 5. To Our Confession

Hebrews 4:14 (ASV)

<sup>14</sup> Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us <u>hold fast our confession</u>.

Hebrews 10:23 (ASV)

<sup>23</sup> let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: