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GOD KIND OF FAITH UNDER ATTACK

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Luke 17:25-30

25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luke 17:25-30

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

- Jesus himself makes it very clear in his teaching that he will be rejected of this generation.
- He warns us somewhat that history will repeat itself and man will once again reject the notion that a relationship with God is not necessary. The few short years we exist on this earth is better without the one who created us in the first place.
- Man had an excuse in that God only remained in spirit form and God was out of sight, and so then he is out of mind.
- The Gospel removes that notion being better than the law and perfected through God's personal sacrifice of his son.

- It is amazing that God's love for the world through his son is rejected. The very notion that God could love his creation, visit his creation, redeem his creation, and give them an abundant and eternal life is really a tragedy.
- He shows us examples of man's self-indulgence to extremes where he totally dismisses God out of the equation of his life and in his rebellion rejects God.
- Even before grace, God does not show his wrath until his love is rejected. We must remember that God shows much mercy and grace to Sodom and offered to save the city if he could find ten righteous by that day's standard, and Abraham could not find ten (Genesis 18:22-33).

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- Even after God still extended his grace to Lot and his family, Lot's wife looked by at the city. Lot's daughters got him drunk, took advantage of him, got pregnant, and created to evil nations, the Moabites and the Ammonites, which God promises to destroy.

Romans 10:4-11

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

Romans 10:4-11

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

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- Our faith is under attack by a generation that questions the virgin birth, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
 - If you have removed the capacity to believe in the cornerstone of our faith, then our faith is no longer necessary or effective.

2 Corinthians 4:7-14

7 But we have this our **faith** Is a treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8 We are troubled on every side, **by faith** yet not distressed; we are perplexed, **but by faith** not in despair;

9 Persecuted, **but by faith** not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2 Corinthians 4:7-14

11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

13 **We having the same spirit of faith**, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

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- Our faith is constantly under attack through trouble, perplexing challenges, persecution, cast down, but our faith stands up because we having faith according to what is written: **I BELIEVE THEREFORE I HAVE SPEAK.**

James 1:3-8

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

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- When we choose to believe, when we choose to stand up in faith, then the trying of our faith only makes us stronger.

1 Peter 1:4-9

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 1:4-9

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Romans 10:14-17

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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- Like Noah, the preacher is not perfect.
 - Like Noah, the preacher has his own struggles.
 - Like Noah, the preacher needs the grace and mercy of God
 - Thank God for the preacher who stands up every Sunday, every week and proclaims the gospel and builds, stirs, and encourages us to believe no matter what.