**KINGDOM FAITH CULTURE**

**Text: Romans 1:17**

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**INTRO:**

* Every country has a culture, and the kingdom is not exempted.
* Ex. French, English, Filipino
* Culture refers to the particular beliefs, moral values, social customs, and lifestyle that distinguish a nation or people as unique.
* Luke 18:8 Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?“
* Why did He asked this question?
* It is because, most peoples’ faith is not attached to His kingdom.

**AIM:**

* FOR US TO LIVE BY FAITH NOT BY WORLD’S ECONOMY

 **QUALITIES OF KINGDOM FAITH:**

**I. KINGDOM FAITH GOES BEYOND THE POWER OF REASON TO BELIEVE**

* Faith is believing in the King’s faithfulness.
* Hebrew 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of [our] hope without wavering, for He who promised [is] faithful.
* Having said that, no matter how hard or difficult your circumstances, you would still believe IT IS GOOD FOR YOU.
* So use your faith not your understanding because there are things only God can understand and explain.
* He doesn’t need to wait for you to understand what He is doing.
* Don’t try to figure out all things He is doing, simply believe.
* When you don’t understand what’s happening, is He still the King of your life?

**II. KINGDOM FAITH IS STEADFAST AND STABLE IN STORMS**

* Ex. Job lost his family, his wealth, and his health, but he never lost his faith in God.
* Job 1:22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.
* Steadfast means fixed or unchanging
* So it doesn’t depends on the weather (summer).
* A stable house is not affected with storms and so is faith.
* Stability could only be known after storms.

**III. KINGDOM FAITH IS A TESTED FAITH**

* Test are necessary to guarantee claims.
* Even God confidently allowed satan to afflict Job because He got the claims about Job.
* Job 1:8 Then the LORD said to Satan,
* "Have you considered My servant Job, that [there is] none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?“
* 1Cr 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God [is] faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear [it].
* The test you have is common to man
* God is faithful-have faith in Him
* He will not test you beyond capability which means He is upgrading you.
* The devil doesn’t care much if women enter God’s presence because they are not the foundation.
* Satan makes sure the men drop the women off at church and then go to play or watch sports or do some activity.
* Professional sports matches are broadcast all day on Sunday,
* You might say, you don’t what to do but God knows what is He doing.
* He will make a way of escape
* There is no test for you that you are not able to bear.
* If you think you can’t bear it, you’re making God a liar.
* If you remain faithful after the test, that’s a kingdom faith.

**IV. KINGDOM FAITH IS REWARDED AFTER THE TEST**

* Job 42:10 And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.
* Gen 22:1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested
* Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
* Gen 22:16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only [son]--
* Gen 22:17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which [is] on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

**V. KINGDOM FAITH DOES NOT FEAR TRIALS**

* You are neither asking for trials nor running away from it.
* Job 3:25 For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me.
* It seems he was already anticipating for this to come.
* Have you asked yourself, what if something like Job’s, what you gonna do?
* He faced this trial already in his mind.
* Work means physical or mental effort or activity directed toward the production or accomplishment of something
* God wants us to manifest what He put inside of us.
* Work for a mango seed is becoming a mango tree with mangos that provide nutrients for the community.

**V. KINGDOM FAITH FIGHTS THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH**

* Remember that satan is after our faith.
* Adrenaline (Epinephrine) is called fight or flight.
* It dilates the pupils to increase the amount of light that enters the eyes,
* It causes sweating to help dissipate heat
* It increases blood flow to the muscles
* It increases the heart rate and force of contraction
* And it makes glucose available in the blood for use by other organs.
* Mere faith fly away from the object of fear but kingdom faith fights.
* David fought Goliath because he had faith in the God of Israel.
* The purpose of fighting is to keep your faith despite of whatever happens.
* 2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**VI. KINGDOM FAITH REJOICES IN TRIALS**

* Jam 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
* Jam 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
* Jam 1:4 But let patience have [its] perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
* That means God is working on you.
* He is confident in you as you grow.
* Great is your reward in heaven.
* Trials are privilege for testimony.
* II Corinthians 4:17-18
* Habakkuk 3:17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labour of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls--
* Habakkuk 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

**VII. KINGDOM FAITH ENDURES**

* It’s a faith no matter what
* Faith for the promises and faith in the midst of trials.
* One of the main drawbacks to faith that is focused on God’s promises is it is very easy to slip into a midst of expecting those promises to be fulfilled
* according to our preferred schedule, so most of us get impatient very quickly.
* What happens if the promise doesn’t come to pass in the time and manner we expect?
* So don’t let whatever happens or doesn’t happens affect your faith in God

**VIII. KINGDOM FAITH COMMITS THE FUTURE TO GOD**

* Everyone is interested in the future.
* Who wouldn’t like to know what’s going to happen tomorrow or next week or next year so we could prepare for it-good or bad.
* Many people spent a lot in psychic and fortune tellers.
* God alone knows the future in its fullness and He guards it closely, revealing a bit here and a bit there on a need to know basis to particular people He chooses at particular times and for particular situations.
* Kingdom faith people don’t get caught in the common wild excitement to figure out the future.
* Just as they are content to live with the mysteries of life, they also are content not to know what the future holds because they know who holds their future.
* Mat 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day [is] its own trouble.

**IX. KINGDOM FAITH IS UNSTOPPABLE**

* Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God [is] for us, who [can be] against us?
* Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [Shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
* Rom 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
* Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
* Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
* God allows us to go through tribulations so that when we come out to the other side we bring a lot of other people with us.

**CHALLENGE:**

* Is your faith steadfast in the midst of trials?
* Have you committed your future to our God?

**CONCLUSION:**

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