

## **Crossover Ministry Sermon Notes**

### **“Governing Values”**

**April 15, 2007**

#### **How do you go about finding your Governing Values?**

- Write down all the things you really care about.
- If you are single, decide on the things you are willing to do something about. If you have a spouse, compare your values to find the common areas, and put the other stuff to the side. From the common areas, decide on the things you are willing to do something about. These are the things you value.
- Under each value, write down all the things you are **not** doing to honor these values. By starting to do these things, you will begin the process of living by your Governing Values.
- As you incorporate a thing you were not doing into your life, take it off the list and add new things to aspire to.

#### **Power Behind What You Say**

*When you speak, things should happen, so speak your Governing Values!*

#### **Being Empowered**

##### **Faith Promise**

##### **Hebrews 6:13-18 (The Message)**

13-18 When God made his promise to Abraham, he backed it to the hilt, putting his own reputation on the line. He said, "I promise that I'll bless you with everything I have—bless and bless and bless!" Abraham stuck it out and got everything that had been promised to him. When people make promises, they guarantee them by appeal to some authority above them so that if there is any question that they'll make good on the promise, the authority will back them up. When God wanted to guarantee his promises, he gave his word, a rock-solid guarantee—God can't break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable.

*It's not just me; it's God backing me with his promise!*

##### **Faith Resolve**

##### **Psalms 112 (New Living Translation)**

1 Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD. Yes, happy are those who delight in doing what he commands. 2 Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed. 3 They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will never be forgotten. 4 When darkness overtakes the godly, light will come bursting in. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous. 5 All goes well for those who are generous, who lend freely and conduct their business fairly. 6 Such people will not be overcome by evil circumstances. Those who are righteous will be long remembered. 7 They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the LORD to care for them. 8 They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly. 9 They give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will never be forgotten. They will have influence and honor. 10 The wicked will be infuriated when they see this. They will grind their teeth in anger; they will slink away, their hopes thwarted.

### **Faith Confession**

#### **Matthew 10:32 (Amplified)**

32 Therefore, everyone who acknowledges Me before men and confesses Me [out of a state of oneness with Me], I will also acknowledge him before My Father Who is in heaven and confess [that I am abiding in] him.

### **Faith Partner**

#### **Acts 16:16-26 (The Message)**

19-22 When her owners saw that their lucrative little business was suddenly bankrupt, they went after Paul and Silas, roughed them up and dragged them into the market square. Then the police arrested them and pulled them into a court with the accusation, "These men are disturbing the peace—dangerous Jewish agitators subverting our Roman law and order." By this time the crowd had turned into a restless mob out for blood.

22-24 The judges went along with the mob, had Paul and Silas's clothes ripped off and ordered a public beating. After beating them black-and-blue, they threw them into jail, telling the jailkeeper to put them under heavy guard so there would be no chance of escape. He did just that—threw them into the maximum security cell in the jail and clamped leg irons on them.

25-26 Along about midnight, Paul and Silas were at prayer and singing a robust hymn to God. The other prisoners couldn't believe their ears. Then, without warning, a huge earthquake! The jailhouse tottered, every door flew open, all the prisoners were loose.

### **Faith Demand**

#### **Genesis 32: 22-29 (The Message)**

22-23 But during the night he got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He got them safely across the brook along with all his possessions.

24-25 But Jacob stayed behind by himself, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he couldn't get the best of Jacob as they wrestled, he deliberately threw Jacob's hip out of joint.

26 The man said, "Let me go; it's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I'm not letting you go 'til you bless me."

27 The man said, "What's your name?"

He answered, "Jacob."

28 The man said, "But no longer. Your name is no longer Jacob. From now on it's Israel (God-Wrestler); you've wrestled with God and you've come through."

29 Jacob asked, "And what's your name?"

The man said, "Why do you want to know my name?" And then, right then and there, he blessed him.

### **Faith Act**

#### **James 1:22 (New King James Version)**

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

#### **James 2:17 (New King James Version)**

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.