

**"TAKE A BREATH ....LET'S TALK!"**  
**JULY 28, 2019 - THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**COLOSSIANS 2:6-15; LUKE 11:1-13**

**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Do you have times when a little just does not feel like enough? Do you have times when a little goes a long way? A little communication can go a long way. When it comes to our spiritual walk and our spiritual talk, this is most certainly true. A little communication with others about The Christ, goes a long way to building relationships in Christ. A little communication with God goes a long way in building our relationship with our God; as we Praise him, as we Repent before him, as we Ask him for help and guidance, and as we Yield and surrender to him; as we PRAY. Take a breath in God's grace today, and trust again the gift of prayer from our God is before us. As we share a little time talking with our Savior, we will see just how far a little communication will go, we will see while a little is enough, we are blessed to want so much more!**

1. As we talk, we will see a little communication goes a long way, even when we wonder if anyone is even listening! Colossians 2:8; Luke 11:11-13
  - A. Do you ever find yourself talking to someone, and the person you are trying to talk to, seems to be listening to someone else?
    - i. Sometimes we choose not to pray, because we have a hard time believing anyone is listening.
    - ii. God does not ignore us. God listens when we do not think so, when no one else does, before we speak.
  - B. God must feel like we are tuned into many other conversations, like no one is listening to him most of the time.
  - C. Let's talk and really focus on who we are talking to, as we trust Jesus is listening, as we listen to The One who is talking to us.
2. Let's talk and see a little communication goes a long way to build trust. Colossians 2:6-7,12; Luke 11:5-10
  - A. When our faith is persistent, our drive, our desire, our passion and our practice will truly comfort us and invite us and guide us to go to God, to pray, to praise, to repent, to ask, to yield and to surrender, again and again, like the persistent neighbor.

- B. God does not demand persistence, but he is glorified in it!
  - C. God is the most persistent of all. How many times has God had to speak to get your attention? To get you to listen? To get you to trust? Have you gotten tired of people not listening to you? Have you given up on them? Have you thought, what if God gets tired of me not listening, will he tire of calling me, will he give up on me? .....Not a chance!
3. Let's talk, and see a little communication goes a long way as Jesus teaches us the best way to talk. Colossians 2:13-15; Luke 11:1-4
- A. In The Lord's Prayer, Jesus gives us a prayer to get us started.
  - B. The Lord's Prayer is a prayer about it all: honor, reign, daily provision, sin, forgiveness, fear, uncertainty, strength, glory.
  - C. The Lord's Prayer teaches us how to pray, giving us words to use as we trust the best talk goes a long way. This prayer is not just about words, but about our spirit received in The Spirit.
4. Colossians 2:6; Luke 11:1 - Let's talk, trusting a little communication goes a long way! Every time God speaks to us, God teaches us, and graces us, blessing us to hear something new. Listen; God is speaking. Speak, God is listening. See how far a little communication goes! Let our mouths and ears be opened, let our hearts and souls take a deep fresh breath in grace, for we will see, a little is not nearly enough!