

## I. Introduction

- a. Pastor currently teaching...
  - i. The Kingdom
  - ii. New Creation realities
- b. Staying Power
  - i. Capacity for continuing (as in existence, influence, or popularity)
  - ii. Quote: *Faith supplies staying power. Anyone can keep going when the going is good, but some extra ingredient is needed to keep you fighting when it seems that everything is against you.* ~ Norman Vincent Peale
  - iii. To not stay can be by our own choice or by force. We want to avoid both!
    1. Truth (not deceived)
    2. Strength
      - a. Food (be nourished, not weak)
      - b. Exercise (be strong, not overtaken)
- c. Stay 1
  - i. To remain; to continue in a place; to **abide** for any **indefinite** time.
  - ii. To **wait**; to attend; to forbear to act
  - iii. To stop; to stand still
  - iv. To dwell
  - v. **To rest; to rely; to confide in; to trust.**
- d. Stay 2
  - i. To stop; to hold from proceeding; to withhold; **to restrain.**
  - ii. To delay; to obstruct; to hinder from proceeding.
  - iii. **To keep from departure**; as, you might have staid me here.
  - iv. To stop from motion or falling; to prop; to **hold up**; to **support.**
- e. Stay 3
  - i. **Stand**; stop; cessation of motion or progression.
  - ii. Stop; obstruction; hindrance from progress.
  - iii. **Restraint** of passion; moderation; caution; steadiness; sobriety.
  - iv. **Steadiness of conduct.**

## II. The Head (The King/The Word)

- a. Truth: Jesus is the Word and The Word never fails
  - i. Emmanuel God with us Mt 1:23 He's not going anywhere, we can count on that, hang on to Him
  - ii. Jehovah Jireh (The Lord will provide Gen 22 Abraham/Isaac) our Provider - everything for life and godliness, access to God, victory over

- iii. He will never leave us nor forsake us Dt 31:6, Heb 13:5
- iv. Quote: "The genius of the Word of God is that it has staying power; it can stand up to repeated exposure." ~ Howard G. Hendricks
- b. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and **forever** Heb 13:8
- c. We can count on Him, we can know HIM...no replacement
- d. Exercise: over and over "it is written" in word or deed until the cross...
  - i. Tetelestai
    - 1. It is Finished
    - 2. Battle Cry
    - 3. Strategy - ambush! Victory!

### III. **Body of Christ (As a Whole)/The Church [SLIDE]**

- a. Truth: We can stay because we are IN HIM, engrafted in, part of the body...  
*There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of you calling. Eph 4:4*
- b. His body is alive, not a robot...we are to BE the church, called and created to do good works.
- c. Full of light because He is Light Rev 21:23 (the Lamb is the light)
- d. Quote: Health - "anything healthy grows" ~Pastor, David Swann

### IV. **Members (You and I)**

- a. Be vigilant! Continue to grow in knowing Him and knowing who we are
- b. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...so knowledge can be a weapon/strategy against destruction. Stay the enemy and his schemes.
  - i. John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*
  - ii. 1 Pet 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (Mother May I... NO YOU MAY NOT!*
- c. Eph 4:1 *Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called*
- d. 1 Cor 12:12 *Even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body thought they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.*
- e. Eph 4:11,12 TPT 11 *And he has appointed some with grace to be apostles, and some with grace to be prophets and some with grace to be evangelists, and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers. 12 And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the holy believers to do their own works of ministry, and **as they do this they will enlarge and build up the body of Christ.***

- g. Eph 4:8 TPT *Once your life was full of sin's darkness, but now you have the very **light of our Lord** shining through you because of your **union with him**. Your mission is to live as children flooded with his revelation - light!*
- h. Translated from kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. - tale of two kingdoms Col 1:13 (nlt)

**V. Conclusion**

- a. We can stay connected and strong in the Lord through knowing Him and knowing who we are in Him.
- b. We can stay the antics of the enemy by knowing truth and being strong in the Lord and the power of HIS might.