

## WHEN OUR CHRISTIAN WALK BECOMES STALE (HEBREWS 10:19-39 )

**Stale:** Not fresh, impaired in vigor or effectiveness

### 1) Signs of stale Christianity:

- 1) Lack of desire to assemble or participate together in worship.
- 2) Lack of desire to pray passionately. Prayer becomes a ritual.
- 3) Lack of desire to read the Bible.
- 4) Lack of the faith that expects answers.
- 5) Lack of a desire to share with others.
- 6) A lowering of our previously held morals and values.

### 2) Dangers of stale Christianity:

- 1) Isolation from the Body of Believers makes one vulnerable to temptation and sin.
- 2) Lack of meaningful prayer leads to poor choices and not being led by the Spirit.
- 3) Lack of Bible reading leads to error and false religions.
- 4) Lack of faith negates expecting answers and miracles -- God ceases to be real and meaningful.
- 5) Not sharing leads to blocked blessings and Spirit led encounters.

### 3) How to overcome stale Christianity:

- 1) Do not give up meeting together with believers whether two or two thousand. ( Heb.10:25)
- 2) Encourage one another with positive exhortations (Heb.10:24).
- 3) Realize God hears our prayers even in our weakest times. (1 Cor. 12:7-10 / 13:4) (1 Kings 19:3-12)
- 4) Always make decisions carefully knowing that you are not totally in tune with the Holy Spirit at these times.
- 5) Offer a sacrifice of praise when you feel weak. (Isaiah 61:3 / Heb. 13:15)
- 6) Strive to remove the focus off of you and get involved with helping others.
- 7) Realize that Christianity isn't entertainment, it is a lifestyle. A sporting event may be boring to watch, but to the athletes involved, winning or losing is all that matters. (1 Cor. 9:24-27)