

# Staying With the Lord

## Part 3 - It's Personal

**TEXT: Acts 11:23 NKJV** *When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.*

### **IT'S ABOUT RELATIONSHIP**

- A. Continue with the Lord
  - 1. Not just continue with a new lifestyle
  - 2. More than just what we believe **(2 Timothy 1:12 NKJV)**

### **USE YOUR WORDS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD**

- A. More to words than just saying **(Proverbs 18:21 NKJV)**
  - 1. Speak life to the areas that you want to see thrive
  - 2. Speak life to marriage, career, situations you are facing **(Mark 11:23 NKJV)**

### **BELIEVE GOD IS GOOD AND WILL HELP YOU**

- A. He is not the One causing pain in your life **(Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)**
  - 1. Very difficult to assign blame and help to the same God
  - 2. Look at the life of Jesus **(Acts 10:38 NKJV)**
  - 3. Learn from David's example

### **IT'S ABOUT FORGIVENESS**

- A. Receiving forgiveness from the Lord
  - 1. Recognize and acknowledge you were forgiven of your sins **(Acts 26:18 NKJV)**
  - 2. Your past has no power unless you allow it
- B. Receiving forgiveness as a believer
  - 1. All of us have sinned and missed it
  - 2. Receiving forgiveness is not a feeling **(1 John 1:9 NKJV)**
  - 3. How many times will the Lord forgive us **(Matthew 18:21-22 NKJV)**
- C. Forgive others
  - 1. Forgiven people forgive **(Ephesians 4:32 NKJV)**
- D. Forgive yourself
  - 1. There is a sorrow when we sin and miss it **(2 Corinthians 7:10 NKJV)**