ABC’S of Christianity – 1-21-21

Have you ever wanted to go back to right when you first got saved? To have that passion, to have that unquenchable thirst. We get so drugged down in our walk sometimes that we feel like we are not walking but wading through quicksand.

Sometimes it feels like we are barely hanging on. The key is we need to let go, and let God be God. We need to realize that we have a loving savior who has already done the work for us, we just need to follow some simple steps along the way.

One of the many diagrams of witnessing is the ABC’s. Admit, Believe, Confess. (go into detail.) We as believers can use this as well.

1. Admit
   1. Admitting we need help is hard for people, especially Americans.
      1. We are taught to only rely on ourselves
   2. We are to always come together – *Hebrews 10:25 – not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*
   3. Admitting that we have problems – imperfect people
      1. Do not be afraid to confront your problems that you are having. We always have help from believers.
         1. *Proverbs 27:17 – As Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another*
   4. Admitting our sins to one another to get help and encouragement
      1. Greg, Mike, and Me coming to Christ around the same time
         1. *James 5:16 - Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*
2. Confession
   1. We are to confess daily, hourly if we need to.
      1. Confession is more than just saying I am sorry it is confession that leads to repentance.
         1. *Proverbs 28:13 - Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*
   2. Get in our prayer closets!
      1. Sometimes we do not have a closet but get alone time with God.
         1. *Matthew 6:6 - But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*
3. Begin anew
   1. It is ok to go over what you have learned
      1. Do not be discouraged about “starting over”.
         1. *Lamentations 3:22 - “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*
   2. Sin is a disease that takes time to eradicate in most circumstances, but Christ will make us new just takes time
      1. We just need to wait on God and continue persevering.
         1. *Isaiah 40:31 - but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*
   3. Start by reading the bible daily and talking to God again.
      1. Prayer and getting in the Word are essential and necessary

*1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*