****August 14, 2016**

**Staying Stable in Unstable Times – Part 5**

**Isaiah 33:6** *And* ***He*** *will be thestability of your times,…*

**Review & Intro:**

* Perspective: things that can (and should be) be shaken are being shaken. (Hebrews 12:27)
* Jesus worked with Peter with a **greater vision** in mind.
* Shared His **heart**, showed His **ways**, & **commissioned** him.
* Peter learnt how to **hear God’s voice.**
* Peter became a **leader & pillar** of stability in the church.

**This Week’s Focus**

*Peter shares what he learnt about maturity & fruit.*

* God wants us to be stable, mature & fruitful… in the midst of unstability. **Ephesians 4:11-14**
* Elements: Who you ‘sit under’ / who you associate with / recognizing trickery.
* ‘Perfect’ here is mature & fruitful. **Ephesians 2:8-10**
* ****Maturity / stability has a lot to do about faithfully fulfilling the purpose or good works God has called you to.

**Peter shares with us what comes first, then what follows:**

**Context:** (Rough & Tumble fisherman type)

* Concern for God’s people being corrupted & misled by false teachers & doctrine.

**1.Their salvation – given by God: 2 Peter 1:1-4**

*and then*

**2. The fruit of that. :2 Peter 1:5-9** Our part (response) is to realize that life is lived from the ‘inside out’.

* Diligently stay connected to the vine so the sap can flow.
* Barrenness is an inability to receive seed, unfruitful is the inability to bring seed to maturity.

**Final Take Away & Table Talk (Communion)**

* Today, let our hearts (ears) be open to the life giving action of the Holy Spirit. **John 16:13**

*Lord, we cry out for a fresh revelation (light) of Your*

*grace, love & peace*

*in troubled times.*

**Notes**

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