



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

Three F's

Both of my senior high granddaughters are straight-A students. If they get a B in a subject, it is the end of the world. In school, I was mostly a low B student. I got a few A's. I do remember getting an F. As Christians, we should strive for three Fs in the following order:

The first F is for Fact. Fact that you are a sinner by birth and action. Rom 3:23 Fact that Jesus, God's only son, died on the cross for your sins. Rom 5:8 Fact that the wage of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Rom 5:23 Fact that if you accept Jesus into your life, you will be saved Rom 10:9. Fact that Jesus said "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Heb 13:5

The second F is for Faith. "Faith means forsaking all, I trust Him." When one puts their whole heart into trusting in Christ as their personal Savior and Lord, they become born again as a child of God. Faith and believe can be found over 600 times in the Bible. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" Titus 3:5 "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:28 "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph 2:8

The third F is for Feeling. "Feeling is only in the Bible [Eph. 4:19, Heb. 4:15] and in neither case does it sanction using emotion as a religious measuring stick. Yet, many act as though these are the greatest expressions of spirituality."¹ "Our emotion-focused culture often tempts us to associate our feelings with facts. Yet fact and feeling do not always align. The fact of salvation takes place when we receive Christ by faith. This faith comes from God and continues throughout our lives. Our feelings will vary based on a variety of factors, ranging from the weather to our health, stress level, and much more. While emotions are important, they are not the determining factor in salvation."² "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" James 1:5.6.7. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:1.2

I once reversed the order of these Fs. During my second year in a Christian college, I felt that I was not saved. For weeks I was depressed, confused, thought I was not going to heaven. At one evening service, I went forward to be saved. The counselor had me repeat the sinner's prayer and said I was born again. But I told him that I still felt I was going to hell. He had me repeat the prayer again. It still did not change my feeling. I left frustrated. It was not until I renewed my Faith into the Facts that my Feelings changed. Whenever those doubtful feelings came again, I would pray confess any sins, and seek God's promises through His Word. I would then say to myself; "I have the faith that God's Facts are pulling my train. So, get behind me, feelings."

"Trust (faith) in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding (feeling). In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths (fact)." Prov 3:5,6

	<p><i>Charles L Stambaugh Mt Wolf, PA</i></p> <p><i>"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life."</i></p> <p><i>I John 5:13</i></p>	<p><i>What is pulling your life?</i></p>
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¹www.compellingtruth.org/salvation-and-feelings.html

²www.cofcnet.org/doc/sermons/salvation/your-salvation-based-faith-or-feeling

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