

CHAPEL SERVICE MESSAGE

Building Your Faith for Exploits Part 4

“Why is faith so important?” University Chaplain, Pastor Charles Ihekwaba, asked on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, in his message titled, “Building Your Faith for Exploits, Part 4.” He reminded faculty, staff and students that faith is a spiritual partnership with God, enabling us to do the impossible.

He shared that faith is living and has the ability to grow. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 - *We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds towards each other...* Pastor Ihekwaba commented that it is important for us to invest in our faith in order for it to grow. “You cannot inherit accomplishment,” he remarked. “Faith is believing what God has said, concerning anything and acting accordingly.”

Pastor Ihekwaba warned all in attendance to beware of going after other gods. Psalm 62:5 - *My soul, waits silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.* Exodus 20:4 - *You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.* “Submit to God and allow Him to take absolute control,” he encouraged. Pastor Ihekwaba also shared that there is a curse attached to serving other gods. “He is a jealous God and you can’t have a foot in both camps,” he stated. Psalm 16:4 - *Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god...*

Pastor Ihekwaba also emphasised the importance of holding a good conscience. 1 Timothy 1:19 - *...having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck.* He encouraged the students to have a clear conscience that is devoid of offense towards God and man. This was modelled after the life of the Apostle Paul. Acts 24:16 - *I myself, always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.*

He encouraged all in attendance to release the people they’re holding in their heart, to God, asking Him to purge and purify them. “Release people to God so that He can step in,” he encouraged them. Pastor Ihekwaba concluded his message by reminding faculty, staff and students that God’s grace is available to help them to forgive.