***Nuggets From The Word***

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**“Living in the Power and Promise of God’s Word”**

Psalms 19:13-14, “13 *Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
Let them not have dominion over me.* **Then** *I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression*. 14 *Let the* ***words*** *of my mouth and the* ***meditation*** *of my heart  
be* ***acceptable*** *in Your sight*, *O LORD*, ***my*** *strength and my Redeemer*.”

We are using the same Scripture we used last week with a different take. **Psalm 19:13. Faith is not presumption**. ***Authentic faith*** is ***founded on the promises of God*** in His Word; it is **not** presumptuous. “Presumptuous” ideas about faith lead to attitudinal or behavioral sin; to *missing the mark of* ***faith’s*** *true meaning*. Presumptuous attitudes are present when, in the name of “***faith***,” a person either**:**

1) thinks “faith” is *wishful thinking* or *a fanciful attitude*, assuming God should relieve all their discomfort and “jump” to their request; or

2) rejects any responsibility on their part to offer a *devoted heart* and the *commitment to serve Him* regardless of their life condition.

**Presumption desires** the promise of God without **living a life *for* God** and is hypocritical in His sight (Matt. 15:8).

To protect from a presumptuous attitude**:**

1) *Root your faith* in what God **in** Christ has provided in ***His redemption***, not on what you might gain through presumptuous “faith” exercises (Gal. 2:20);

2) *Develop* your own personal faith, do not attempt to live off another’s faith ( example, Sceva’s sons did, Acts 19:14–16);

3) *Walk* in faith, growing in an intimate relationship with the Author and Finisher of our faith (Jesus The Christ), so that you are *known as His*, and *found in Him* (Heb. 12:2; John 10:27; Phil. 3:9).

What kind of Faith does the world see being lived out **in** and **through** us?

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