

Time to 'Fess Up' and Fill in the Blank!

Uncertainties, Unknowns, and the Unwanted have saturated our present environment. Challenges and Concerns arrive daily. And as believers, we know 2 Timothy 1:7:

For God has not given us a Spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind.

But anxiousness and anxiety appear quickly on the surface as we hear the next status report of COVID-19. And then ... the other news comes in to crowd our awareness such as issues with law enforcement, closures of churches, businesses, and restaurants again, along with concerns of bringing back students physically to the classroom. What are we to do? How are we to feel?

John 20:19-22 captures the moment in the evening of that first week after the resurrection: "...the disciples were gathered together with **the doors locked because of their fear of the Jews**. Then Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, '**Peace to you!**'" ... "Jesus said to them again, '**Peace to you!** As the Father has sent me, I also send you.' After saying this, He breathed on them and said, '**Receive the Holy Spirit.**'"

The treasure of Peace is mentioned to them twice. The secret of 'receiving Peace and having Peace' is presented. It is laid out by the Giver of Peace!

The doors were locked because of fear. Have you experienced some 'type of lockdown' since March 2020? I believe you have. Now it is time 'to fess up!' What fear has kept you in a lockdown? Is it physical, spiritual, mental, emotional, or psychological? The disciples

possessed the fear of the Jews. They feared retaliation. What is your fear or fears? It is time be honest, 'Fess Up,' and fill in the blank. "I have fear because of _____." The Bible uses the word 'Jews.' You can select and list your fear or fears. Write them in the blank.

Then what happened? **Jesus Came!** His Presence will change the story, the situation, and the event. He says twice: **Peace to you!** The two secrets of Peace are:

1. *His Presence:* 'Jesus Came!'
2. *His Promise:* 'Peace be **to** you, **for** you, **in** you, and **around** you!'

The question naturally appears: How can I have the 'Peace' Jesus talks about! How can I make it mine? The question is answered! The Resourcer, the Provider, and the Giver of Peace is made known. Peace is not something you work up, something you buy, or something you can earn or learn. **It is Given! It is a Gift!**

Who Gives This Gift? It is all Grace! The Giver is the Holy Spirit! Romans 8:26-27 speaks of the following:

"...but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings. And He who searches the hearts knows the Spirit's mind-set, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

There it is: the Giver of Peace who uses the Presence and Promise of Jesus! That revelation is for the enjoyment and glorification of the Father. Jesus said: "Receive the Holy Spirit!" *There it is!*

It is simply time to 'fess up' and 'fill in the blank.' Take time to 'fill in' your blank with a list of fears. And then: Ask Jesus to come and stand in your presence as He did for His disciples. Feelings will change and courage will appear! You can count on it!

Do you feel locked up with fears? It is time to be set Free! Get to Jesus!

Ongoing Progress ...

Work is ongoing in developing our **Digital Marketing** endeavors as well as placing every course online for Distance Learning. There have been major strides forward to engage the student via technology. Our learning platform has been expanded and amplified. Take time to view our new website: www.trinitycollege.edu. There is now a dedicated area for the President's Circle and related interests.

Trinity College of Florida is planning to have faculty, staff, and students physically on campus as the new 2020-2021 collegiate year begins. **Safety protocols** are in place for utilizing the buildings on campus and activities in the residence halls, dining area, and classrooms. For more detailed information about Trinity's precautionary measures, go to the first page of our website and click on "Learn More" for the Fall 2020 policies and procedures response for the COVID-19 pandemic.



The remodeling/refreshing of Munce Hall continues. Progress is being made on remodeling the rooms, bathrooms, and common area. New air conditioners are being installed.



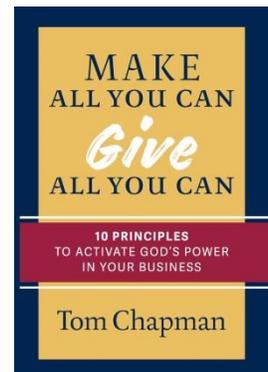
Presently, Trinity College of Florida is completing the necessary reporting and actions for the **ABHE Reaffirmation** team that will be visiting campus in 2021. Our faculty and staff have been laboring tirelessly to prepare for this event. Accreditation allows the student access to government funding in addition to having assurance that the education provided by Trinity meets the highest standards.

Board Member Honored ...



Tom Chapman, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has been honored by Biola University. His book, *Make All You Can ... Give All You Can (10 Principles to Activate God's Power in Your Business)*, has been

included in their business curriculum. He is also featured in the document entitled, "Make it Happen ... Bring Your Idea to Life." This is advice and counsel from different entrepreneurs.



Coming Events ...

Note: The following events are planned following CDC Guidelines for Higher Educational Institutions.

- ✦ **Faculty and Staff Retreat**, Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at Calvary Church Eastlake
- ✦ **New Student Orientation**, Friday through Sunday, August 14-18, 2020
- ✦ **2020 Commencement**, Recognitions and Awards, Saturday, August 22, at First Baptist Church of New Port Richey
- ✦ **Convocation**, early September

Please Pray with us ...

... **for the opening of the new semester in August.** Students want to return to campus.

... **for the safety and well-being of all faculty and staff members.**

... **for the prospective student** who is making last minute decisions about what to do this next semester.

... **for the Spiritual and Physical Health of all at the college.** These are challenging days!

... **for the Enrollment Efforts** of our Vice President for Enrollment, Anthony Abell, and his team. Pray for Rachel Noble and John Zuch who give leadership to the Traditional and Degree Completion programs, respectively.

... **for our operating budget.** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resident students had to be sent home last semester. Refunds were given in addition to monies provided by the U.S. Department of Education for hardship issues caused by the virus. There was a loss of income by the College. The College did participate in the Payroll Protection Plan for compensation of staff and faculty, however, monies are needed to handle the day-to-day operations of the college, i.e., hospitalization insurance, utilities, and the support of educational services afforded the student. If you have questions regarding these challenges, please send us an email at mofarrell@trinitycollege.edu.

"To say that God is sovereign is to declare that he is the Almighty ... No one can defeat His counsel, thwart His purpose, or resist His will." - Arthur W. Pink

As Psalm 115:3 states, "*But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.*"

Brothers and Sisters: ***We are in good Hands!***

Be encouraged,



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Your prayer support is always welcomed and appreciated. If you would like to assist the college with a gift during these challenging times, go to www.trinitycollege.edu and select the "President's Circle" tab. Thank you for your support!