MORNING WORSHIP 22 September 2013

Text: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Title: FAITH IN GOD'S LEADING

(I) THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH IN GOD'S LEADING

- 1. Abraham leaving Haran to settle in a new land
- 2. Moses leading the children of Israel out of Egypt into Canaan
- 3. David exercising faith in God's leading in the reign of King Saul

(II) GOD'S LEADING IN THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

- 1. In Arabia for three years (Galatians 1:18)
- 2. Ministry in Antioch at the invitation of Barnabas (Acts 11:25)
- 3. Beginning of Missionary work (Acts 13)
- 4. Church planting work (Acts 13-28)
- 5. Becoming an apostle to the Gentiles (1 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 1:11)

(III) UNDERSTANDING THE PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S LEADING

- 1. God opens doors (2 Corinthians 2:13)
 - a) God can close doors (Acts 16:6-7)
 - b) He can also open doors (2 Corinthians 2:13)
- 2. Christ leads (2 Corinthians 2:13)
 - a) He is always the Leader
 - b) We are always the followers
 - c) He will lead triumphantly
 - d) Triumph is a hall-mark evidence of the Lord's leading

3. Christ leads through His servants

- a) The fragrance of Christ is evidenced in and through His servants
- b) There is fragrance in the knowledge of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:13)
- c) The fragrance of Christ works in two ways:
 - i) Aroma leading to death (2 Corinthians 2:26)
 - ii) Aroma leading to life (2 Corinthians 2:16)

(IV) REJECTION OF WORLDLY CONCEPTS

- 1. Peddling the word of God (2 Corinthians 2:17)
- 2. Insincerity rejected (2 Corinthians 2:17)