

THE STUD IS IN THE WALL

SCRIPTURE:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) hammer
- (1) nail
- (1) stud finder

MAIN MESSAGE:

Even though we cannot see God, we need to have the faith that our Creator is all around us and will take care of us. We are told God is there, but how do we really know this to be true? We strengthen our faith by constantly studying and meditating on the inspired Word of God.

SONG: "Living By Faith"

LESSON:

When I was newly married, one of my least favorite things to do was to hang heavy objects up on the walls of our home. It isn't because I disliked the actual labor or work involved though. The reason I disliked it was because my wall would end up looking like it was shot with a bb gun.

The trick to hanging heavy objects on a wall in a house is to find the studs in the wall. Studs are the vertical beams of wood that make up the framework of a house. If you don't hit the studs when hammering a nail in, you will end up taking the nail out and trying again until you do hit a stud.

How do you find a stud in the wall? Well, people who are more experienced would say that all you have to do is to knock on the wall and listen closely. If as you are knocking you hear a hollow noise then there is no stud in that location. If you keep knocking and hit a place that sounds a little less hollow then there is supposed to be a stud there.

I tried that approach many times with varied success. Then, one day as I was walking around in a local home improvement store, I noticed an electronic stud finder. Where had this been all my life? The electronic stud finder makes finding those hidden studs a breeze. You simply hold the stud finder up to the wall and slide it around. It will beep and light up when a stud is underneath, and it is very accurate. My faith and accuracy in my work both skyrocketed.

Sometimes as Christians, we don't have the complete faith we need to have in God. When troubles arise, we may try to solve them ourselves or have thoughts that God is abandoning us. The way we can improve this is to constantly be in His word. My brethren, we have a spiritual stud finder in the Bible. It gives us full assurance from Genesis to Revelation that God is there and will take care of those who follow Him and do His will.

PRAYER: Give our family knowledge and understanding so that our faith may grow.