**FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTENTMENT**

**Joshua 22:5**

**Introduction:**

I. Content defined – “*satisfied with, not wanting more or anything else”*

II. Being content can be both a good thing and a bad thing

III. Let us consider the differences

**Discussion:**

**I. The Lord Wants Us Content in Some Things**

A. The Father has the power to give us more than we need; to shower us in blessings

1. Could this be why we desire more than we receive?

2. Question: What is it that you need that you do not have?

3. (Phil. 4:11; 1Tim. 6:11; Heb. 13:5)

B. He gives us ALL that we need for life and godliness (2Pet. 1:3; Jas. 1:17)

**II. The Lord Does Not Want Us Content in Other Things**

A. Familiarity can breed contentment in a negative way

1. We can become lethargic, complacent.

2. Have you ever found yourself in this situation?

B. Spiritually this is suicide (*to faint or lose heart*)

1. (Luke 18:1; 2Cor. 4:1; 2Cor. 4:16; Heb. 12:3**\***)

2. Cannot become stagnant in our love, service, or worship to God

**III. We need to be content in some things and enthusiastic (zealous) in others**

A. Be happy with what the Lord has blessed us with (each has similar and differences)

B. Let us motivate ourselves to be enthusiastic (zealous)

C. (Gal. 6:9) *“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”*

D. (Joshua 22:5) *“But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul."*

**Conclusion:**

**I. Familiarity can/will breed contentment**

**II. (1Sam. 12:24) *“Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.”***