

Faith Library

Objectives

1. You will learn what is faith, how does faith come, and what does faith do in our lives.
2. You will learn about the author and finisher of our faith.
3. You will learn about hindrances to faith.
4. You will learn about the force of faith and what faith does.
5. You will learn about faith dynamics.
6. You will learn how faith pleases God.
7. You will learn about the Spirit of faith.
8. You will learn the language of faith.
9. You will learn the Law of faith.

What Is Faith?

—Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrew 11:1) Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see. Faith is grasping the unrealities of hope and bringing them into the realm of reality. For example, you hope for finances to meet the obligations that you have to pay. Faith gives the assurance that you will have the money when you need it. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. You hope for physical strength to do the work that you must do. Faith says, —The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1) Faith will say about itself everything that the Word says, for faith in God is simply faith in His Word.

—But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (Hebrew 11:6) God has told us that without faith, it is impossible to please Him, but He has also told us how to obtain faith. —So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17)

Faith for salvation —cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) The Apostle Paul said that we are saved by faith. —For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8) Romans 10:8-17 shows how you get faith to be saved. We see here that faith for salvation comes by hearing the Word of God. Man is saved by hearing words, and that is because —faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) You cannot believe without hearing the Word. God sent men to preach the Word to Cornelius, not angels—angels cannot preach the plan of salvation because the Word says they do not understand it. But the angel could tell Cornelius where to go to get somebody to preach the Word.

Faith for healing comes the same way as for salvation. Acts 14:7-10 shows how the man at Lystra was healed by his faith. Paul did three things: (1) He preached the Gospel (v. 7). (2) He perceived that the man had faith to be healed (v. 9). (3) He told the man to stand up and walk (v. 10). The man did three things: (1) He heard Paul preach (v. 9). (2) He had faith to be healed (v. 9). (3) He leaped and walked (v. 10). The man himself had faith to be healed and how did he get the faith to be healed? He got it from what he heard. He heard Paul speak. And what did Paul speak? He preached the Gospel (v. 7).

There are two kinds of faith. The Bible contrasts two kinds of faith: a —Thomas faith¹ and an —Abraham faith.² Abraham had a spiritual faith—a heart faith—which was based on what God said. Thomas had a natural, human faith. Everybody, saved and unsaved alike, has this natural, human kind of faith.

Thomas' faith was based solely on physical evidence. He believed only what he could see, not what God said. (John 20:24-29)

If Abraham, on the other hand, had gone by what he could see and what his physical senses told him, he never would have received God's promise. (Romans 4:17-21) Abraham believed according to what God said not according to how he felt. He didn't believe his feelings, he didn't believe based on what he saw, he didn't believe his physical senses. His faith was based on God's promise.

We receive the blessings of Abraham the way Abraham received part of his blessings—through faith. But you don't get it with —Thomas faith;¹ you get it with —Abraham faith.² Too many try to get Abraham's blessings with Thomas sense-know-ledge faith. If they can't see it, they won't believe it. They believe only what they can hear or feel from the natural standpoint. Their faith is based on their feelings. Their faith is not the God-kind of faith.

—And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.³ (Mark 11:22)
The phrase, —...Have faith in God³ in the Greek literally says —Have the faith of

God.¶ Or we could say it like this: —Have the God kind of faith.¶ The God-kind of faith is the kind of faith in which a man (1) believes in his heart and (2) says with his mouth what he believes in his heart (3) and it comes to pass. (Mark 11:22-23)

In Hebrew 11:3 we see how God believed what He said would come to pass. He spoke the Word, and there was earth. He spoke into existence all the kingdoms, and all of the universe. He said it, and it was so. That is the God-kind of faith. God believed what He said would come to pass, and it did.

—We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak...(2 Corinthians 4:13) We believe and therefore we speak. Believing and speaking the Word is operating in the same principal of faith that Jesus talked about in Mark 11:23. We can see this principle in a number of different illustrations in the Word of God. The woman with the issue of blood said, —...If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole¶ (Matthew 9:21). Jesus replied, —...Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole¶ (v. 22). She got exactly what she believed and what she said.

In the Old Testament, Caleb and Joshua had the same spirit of faith. —And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it¶ (Numbers 13:30). The other ten men who went with Caleb and Joshua to spy out the land said, —...We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we (v. 31). All of the spies got what they said they would get. The ten who said they weren't able to overcome, didn't. They said, —...Would God that we had died in...this wilderness!¶ (Numbers 14:2) They got what they said—they died in the wilderness!

However, Caleb and Joshua didn't die in the wilderness. They said, —...we are well able to overcome it¶ (Numbers 13:30). They were the only two out of that generation who entered in and possessed the promised land!

Jesus demonstrated that God-kind of faith to his disciples, and then He told them that they had that kind of faith—the faith in which a man believes with his heart, says with his mouth what he believes, and it comes to pass. If you are saved, you also have this kind of faith. You don't need more faith, use what you have inside.

The Bible—this message of God—is called the Word of Faith. Why is it called the Word of Faith? Because it causes faith to come, even into the heart of the unsaved. Salvation belongs to everyone. Every man and woman in this world has a legal right to salvation. Jesus died for the whole world, not just for you and me. When the truth is preached to the sinner, it causes faith to come. When he believes and confesses, he creates the reality of it in his own life by his faith. (Romans 10:13-17)

The unalterable law of faith is as Jesus said, —Whosoever shall say...and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith.‖ (Mark 11:23) Shall not doubt where? Look at Romans 10:10 —For with the heart man believeth...‖ So we see that faith is not of the head—it's of the heart.

Some will say, —Well, if I said I'm not doubting, I'd be lying about it.‖ Many times people go by what's in their head, not their heart—their spirit. These are the things that defeat people. Faith will work in your heart with doubt in your head. Remember what we discussed about the soul and the spirit and the difference between the two. Faith is not of the soul, or the mind; it is of the spirit, or the heart. You don't walk by what's in your head when it comes to the things of God and the things you're believing—you walk by your spirit. Remember: The Word of God is Faith Food.

The Author and Finisher of Our Faith

I want to talk to you about Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of our Faith.

I want you to remember that Abraham, Daniel and all the great men and women of the Bible were full of faith. However, we must not look only at the things that have been done in the past; we must look at Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2 says, —...since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (those who have borne testimony to the truth), let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.¶ As we run this race of faith (The Apostle Paul calls it a race of faith—2 Timothy 4:7—I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.¶), we are to keep our eyes upon Jesus and when we do, the same glory (Holy Spirit) and power will be resting upon us as it was upon Him.

You see, not only do we have today with us the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, but we also have the Living Word, the Living Christ in our midst.

He, (Jesus), is the Author and Finisher of faith. He has given eternal life to us, if we have His Word and believe on Jesus Christ.

John 10:28 says, —And I give them eternal life and they shall never perish (die) neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.¶ 1 John 5:12 – —He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.¶

He is the Author of our faith. God gives us faith as a gift. In Romans 12:3 – —As God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.¶

Not only does He give us faith, but He wants to make sure you finish the course.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 1:8-9 —And He (Jesus) will confirm or establish you to the end that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.¶

Again, —Now to Him who is **ABLE** to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.¶ (Jude 24)

We see that Jesus gives us the faith to believe, then confirms us and helps us to the end.

The Good News is that Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith and the power of the Holy Spirit helps us to keep from stumbling in life. He never wants you to fall or fail.

Now, we have a part in this race of faith. God wants us to strive for holiness (spiritually pure or sinless).

1 Peter 1:15-16 says, —Be Holy, for I am holy).¶

As we lead a life of holiness, the power of God through the Holy Spirit will be manifested in a greater degree in our lives.

Jesus Christ is the Author of our lives; He is the Source of our life, our spiritual life and He is producing holiness in us.

When we do our part, God does His part. Your part is to be sanctified—set apart for His service—to be holy and blameless through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Everyone who has a desire for God should believe the Word of God and take Jesus as the Author and the Finisher of His faith. Through Jesus Christ, all the desires and purposes of your heart will be accomplished because God is faithful.

The plans and visions that He puts in our hearts, He will carry to completion when you trust Him and obey Him.

God cannot and will not fail you! His Word is true!! Glory to God forever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

God wants to manifest His power in your life—this is **real Pentecost!!**

Real Pentecost is the manifestation of signs and wonders. The real power of God is manifested in those who are —determined **not to know anything** among (men) except Jesus Christ and Him crucified|| (1 Corinthians 2:21).

Know this: There is power in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. There is power in His resurrection from the dead. When you tap into that power, He will manifest Himself in your life in the most awesome ways. Your faith will grow from a mustard seed to a mighty, fruit-producing tree.

Keep your eyes upon **Him** and as say the Psalmist said in Psalm 73:25—
—Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.||

He IS YOUR ALL IN ALL!!!! Glory!!! Glory!!! Glory!!!

Faith Toward God

Key Verse: —Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen|| (Heb. 11:1).

Faith is first a belief; a mental attitude. A person who has faith believes something without actually seeing it. He has total confidence in God and trusts that His promises will come true. —Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen|| (Heb. 11:1).

Faith requires action in obedience to God's Word. When God commands a person to do something, he may not always understand why. In fact, logically it may not make sense at all. But God wants him to step out by faith in obedience to Him, knowing that His way is perfect. —And the Word of God increased; and the

number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith (Acts 6:7).

Faith is important because it is the foundation of the entire Christian life. —But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6).

Nothing can be known or received of God unless man first believes in His existence and also that God has revealed Himself in His Word, the Bible. —For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Rom. 1:16-17).

God Himself is the source of our faith. Faith is not the result of our own will or ability. God gives us the ability to exercise faith through the Holy Spirit. —But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; Which were born, not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God (John 1:12-13).

Through the Scriptures, God transmits faith to all who receive Him. The Word of God is the source of faith which is available to everyone. —So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).

All believers have been given a measure of faith by God. In Rom. 12, Paul is clearly addressing Christians. Therefore, the —every man refers to every believer. —For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according to God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith (Rom. 12:13).

Unbelievers do not have saving faith. It is true that all men have the capacity to give intellectual assent to Scripture, but this is not saving faith. Even demons are

wise enough to intellectually acknowledge Jesus as Lord, but they are incapable of exercising saving faith. —And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for all men have not faith|| (2 Thess. 3:2).

It is now clear that faith is an attitude of believing and agreeing with God. The source of faith is God Himself, and He has generously made faith available to all believers through His Word, the Bible. But according to His Word, faith is more than a passive, inactive condition of the mind. Faith requires acting upon one's beliefs. Faith requires obedience. —Obedience to faith|| was the natural response of early believers in Christ. —And the Word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith|| (Acts 6:7).

Four Hindrances to Faith

A. Walking in the flesh instead of walking in the Spirit will hinder faith.

Among the works of the flesh listed in Gal. 5 are: adultery, fornication, idolatry, hatred, strife, murder, and drunkenness. —But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longer-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law|| (Ga. 5:22-23).

B. Neglect of the Holy Spirit will hinder your faith.

C. Neglect of the promises of the Word of God will hinder faith.

D. Disobedience to the faith that God has revealed will hinder faith.

The just shall live by faith. (Hebrews 2:4) For faith is... (Hebrews 11:1)
Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6) Whatever is not faith is sin. (Romans 14:23)

Faith is the inner knowledge that God's Word has been applied to my life.

Faith is a substance, literally, of things not yet seen—things hoped for. God said if you will believe it, then someday you will see it.

Romans 10:17 says, —Now faith comes...‖ It is not a need and emotion that moves God. It is faith that moves God.

Romans 10:9-10—It is faith that saves you. Colossians 2:6—As you receive Christ, so walk in Him. Someone preached the Word to you. You believed it in your heart and you spoke it with your mouth. You were saved, so walk in Him.

2 Peter 1:3 we have been given all things that pertain to life and godliness. Verse 4 says He has given us precious promises that we might become partakers of the Divine nature.

Romans 1:5 By whom we have received grace to the faith. Romans 16:26 The prophetic scriptures have been made known for the obedience of the faith.

Hebrews 3:8 These would not enter His rest—those who did not obey. They did not obey faith.

2 Corinthians 1:20—For all the promises of God in Him are —Yes.‖ Then we have the choice of what we are going to say about it. God gives a promise; Jesus says yes; then we say Amen (so be it). This is obedience to the faith. It is your responsibility. Jesus said – According to your faith, be it unto you.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Faith obeys the revelation of what comes into your heart.

Matthew 14:28—Jesus walks on water. Jesus spoke, —Come.‖ to Peter. As long as Peter had his eyes on Jesus, he was okay. It was when he took his eyes off Jesus that he sank. (1) Faith comes, (2) Faith obeys, (3) Faith grows.

Luke 17:6—Faith is like a mustard seed. With faith as small as a mustard seed, mountains will move. Faith grows.

Matthew 13:31—The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Verse 32 says which is the least but as it grows, it becomes greater than all the herbs. Do not be around people who do not have faith. Faith must grow.

- (1) Faith grows by meditation—Meditate on the Word of God. Find the promises in the Word that pertain to your situation. Then speak these promises to your spirit. You are to take the Word of God and apply it to your life. Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.
- (2) Start praying and believing that you receive when you pray. You shall have it. (Mark 11:23 and 24)
- (3) Obey the prompting of the Holy Spirit. When He speaks to you, obey that Word from God.

The Force of Faith

In looking at the force of faith, we must first look at forces of the recreated human Spirit. Galatians 5:16-17-25 tells us the forces that are present in our recreated spirit and the forces that come against that spirit. The Word —flesh used in these verses means —Body or the five special senses. Walking after the flesh produces death.

Now the recreated spirit was recreated to rule over the human system. The Holy Spirit helps us and empowers us to rule. (1 Thessalonians 5:23) Paul prayed that God would sanctify you completely spirit, soul, and body. Spirit—heart; soul is mind body—flesh—your mind should obey what your heart tells it to do, and your heart should be trained by the Holy Spirit in line with the Word of God. Hebrews 4:12—only the word can put the Spirit, soul and body of a man in proper

order. By having the mind renewed by the Word of God daily your mind will begin to respond in line with God's Word; it refuses to accept anything contrary to that Word.

Now faith is not the product of reason. You see, the world says, —seeing is believing. But God says, —believing is seeing. Faith is the product of God's Word revealed by His Spirit. It is not the product of human reasoning or logic. The ministry of Jesus was not led by logic or reasoning. His ministry was controlled and led by faith. The force of faith was controlling His ministry and the force of faith of the people. His own faith responded to the faith of the people and it still does today. The force of faith moved Jesus in his miracles. Faith is the power force. It is a tangible force. It is a condition force, it moves things. Faith will change things; it will change the Human Body. It can change the human mind and the human heart.

Faith will change circumstances. Now on the other hand fear is a spiritual force. God gave Adam the faith force to have total authority and dominion but when he fell—that faith force was prevented and turned into the force of fear. Fear ruled Adam. Fear is a temporal force. Fear can change the physical body. Fear is a destructive force. Faith can do the opposite of fear. Cast out the spirit of fear. (II Timothy 1:7) (I John 4:18)—fear involves torment.

Every born again believer has faith put in them and we talked about using that faith. Even a mustard seed has power. A power force that can move mountains. Hebrews 12:2 says Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. Romans 12:3—God has dealt a measure of faith. (Ephesians 1:13) The faith He gives us is good enough to make all things possible to the believer. I John 5:1-5—whosoever. Verse 4 whatsoever. The power to overcome the world is our faith.

There is enough faith inside you —NOW! to overcome anything the world throws at you. God is a faith being. You are born of God. You are a faith being. God does not do anything outside of faith with His faith living in you; you are to operate the same way. It is important to feed your spirit with the Word of God and the force of faith will issue out of your spirit and work whenever it is needed. Faith, like any other force, must be applied in order to get any benefit from it. The spirit food produces spirit power (faith) and then it is applied. You apply or release this faith with words (Mark 11:22-23) and by acting on God's Word. (James 1:22) Faith without works is dead. You must have patience when it comes to faith. Patience under girds faith and gives it endurance to preserve until the answer comes. Faith is a powerful force.

The force of patience is developed in the trials and tribulations and under girds or keeps the door open for our faith to work and to overcome whatever has been put before us. James 1:2-4 faith is developed as we act on the Word of God and see results. It is what we do with trials and temptations that make the difference. I Peter 1:7—tested faith—comes faith. Faith and patience work together. Through patience you hold fast to the Word of God until you see the manifestation. The power of patience is the difference between success and failure in the faith walk. The force of faith is at work under girded by the power of patience. Then say I patiently rest on the truth of God's Word.

Faith Dynamics

Faith Dynamics is a moving or driving force. It is alive. Faith, or Bible Faith, is a very powerful, spiritual force. All through the Bible we see where God

moved on behalf of those who came in faith. Faith is what moves on the heart of God.

When Jesus came to the earth, He came looking in faith. He was looking for faith with His covenant people, yet He found it with the Gentiles alone. Luke 7:9: —I have not found such great faith.¶ Luke 18:8: —Will He really find faith on the earth?¶

Luke 4:25-26: —Many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah the prophet, but God sent him to the widow of Zarephath to feed and minister to him.¶ God was looking for people with faith. Luke 4:27: Jesus said —and many lepers were in Israel in the days of Elijah, the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman, the Syrian.¶

Then later we see the Roman Centurion come to Jesus; —and He showed Great faith,¶ Luke 7:9. We also see the woman from Tyre, a Gentile, come to Jesus. Matthew 15:28: —She showed great faith.¶ Jesus moved on their behalf. The faith they showed released the healing power into the spirit realm to heal. Notice in both of their cases, the person being healed wasn't even close to Jesus. He just spoke the —word¶ of healing and they were set free. When He spoke, dynamic faith was released.¶

Faith is such a powerful force that people or things do not even have to be present to be touched by faith. The force of faith drives out the impurity and restores healing and deliverance. Hebrews 11:3 says God spoke things that did not exist so they existed. He spoke faith filled words and things happened in the natural. Abraham had this kind of faith. Romans 4:21 says —he was fully persuaded that what He [God] had performed, He was able to perform.¶ How did he get fully persuaded? He believed God and His word I believe he learned about faith in God

from his relatives, Shem and Ebner. God also taught Abraham faith. Genesis 15:6: —He believed the Lord and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Genesis 13:15: —All the land that you see I give to you... Abraham believed God, and God gave it to him. You can have what you see and believe in.

Jesus tells us that faith is like a —seed, and in the seed is power potential. Luke 17:6. When the conditions are right, the seed will ignite and burst open and begin to grow. Our faith, likewise, will —ignite. Fasting and prayer can cause your faith to explode. Your faith can grow as you meditate on the word and allow it to grow into your spirit. Romans 10:17. Faith then becomes a way of life. You will have faith in your heart and this faith works in your spirit.

You must develop yourself in faith. It takes time. You start where you are in faith and develop it from there. If you speak the word of God out of your mouth so you can hear it, it will come faster. Also, sitting under good faith teaching and hearing good testimonies of faith will cause you to develop your faith.

Paul says that faith is the law of the New Covenant. Romans 3:27: —Righteousness comes not by works of the law, but by faith. This law works whether you know it or not. If you do not tap into it, you miss it. But it is always at work for those who will tap into it. The key is seeking, and asking, and believing. Believing will unlock the door to faith.

When the women came to be healed, she came believing. Mark 5:28: —For she said, —If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well. The key was her confession —igniting her faith, and she believed. Then her faith made a demand on the anointing of Jesus. Luke 8:46: —for I perceived power going out of me.

It is this demand on your faith that draws the anointing power of God. today, develop your faith. Make faith a way of life: a lifestyle. Spend time in the word of

God. See all of the wonderful faith testimonies in the word of God. Allow your faith to grow by saying the word of God.

The Father rewards those that seek Him in faith. —Come asking and believing and you shall receive,|| Mark 11:22-24.

Faith Pleases God

Hebrews 11:6- —But without faith it is impossible to please Him.||

Faith is a gift of God. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). Hebrews 11:1 says, —Now faith is the substances of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.|| That means it believes in obtaining what you can't see. For example:

- 1) We are saved by faith (Ephesians 2:8). We are not in Heaven yet, but we believe by faith we will see God and be there.
- 2) Faith helps us resist the devil 1 Peter 5:8. We may not see the devil or his cohorts but we (by faith know) he exists and he comes to kill, steal, and destroy.
- 3) We live by faith. Romans 1:7—An active faith of God looking forward to the rewards of our salvation.
- 4) We walk by faith 2 Corinthians 5:7. We don't look at the outward circumstances, which are tampered, but we look to the eternal spiritual things. (Ephesians 4:18).
- 5) Faith can move mountains (Matthew 21:21). Now let's look at how faith can move mountains. Faith works like a seed. You must plant it to get the benefit of that seed. You plant the faith by speaking it. 2 Corinthians 4:13—Faith is the servant of the believer. Faith filled words are the

servant of the believer. So, when you believe and therefore speak, then the mountains (circumstances) will obey you. The circumstances then obey your words. Thus the circumstances obey your faith. That's what Jesus meant when He said in Mark 11:23-24, —Whoever says to this mountain (circumstance) will be removed and be cast into the sea and does not doubt (unbelief, double mindedness) But believes that those things he says will be done...|| Verse 24 —therefore whatever things you ask when you pray believe that you receive them and you will have them.||

Let's look at 3 very good examples in God's Word:

- 1) Mark 5:27-28 the woman with the flow of blood for 12 years. —For she said, _If I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.‘|| Verse 34 —Daughter, your faith has made you well.|| —Go in peace and be healed of your affliction.||
- 2) Luke 7:7 a Roman Centurion sent for Jesus to help his servant. —But say the word and my servant will be healed.|| Verse 9—When Jesus heard this he said, —I say to you I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel.|| In verse 10 They found the servant well who had
- 3) David, the lion, the bear, the giant, each one of these represents Satan. Each one was a giant of a circumstance.

In 1 Samuel 17:34-37 David said —The Lord who delivered me from the mouth of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.|| Verse 45—David said to the Philistine, —I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel...|| Verse 46 —This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand and I will strike

you and take your head from you...|| You can see David's faith filled words. He believed in what His father would do on his behalf, because he represented the armies of God. What God did before He would do again. You will be a world overcome (1 John 5:4). So, today put your faith to work. Speak it and believe it, and you will have what you say if it is in line with God's word.

The Spirit of Faith

You have a different spirit from the world. People in the world are filled with doubt, unbelief, fear, torment, and confusion. In the middle of all this God can give you a spirit of faith and change you.

When you accept Jesus Christ, your spirit of faith will increase. This will begin to affect you 24/7, 365 days a year, for all of your life and throughout eternity.

2 Corinthians 4:13 —I believed, and therefore I have spoken, we also believed and therefore speak.|| Psalm 116:10 says, —I believe, therefore have I spoken.|| It is this faith that we speak that saves us. God gave us a measure of faith (Romans 12:3) as a gift. Then we begin to build a belief system due to what we hear- Romans 10:17. Our faith then grows and the time comes when you speak forth what you believe. Romans 10:8-11- believe in your heart and spirit then confess or speak what you believe and this leads to salvation.

Let's look at what the spirit of faith can do for you. It can make the difference between:

1. Life and death- Deuteronomy 30:14-15

2. Happy marriage or divorce
3. A life filled with joy and peace versus turmoil and confusion-Romans 5:1-2
4. Sickness or health- Proverbs 4:20-22
5. Abundance or lack- Hebrews 11:6

Living by faith makes the difference. Romans 1:17 says the just shall live by faith. Notice in Hebrews 10:38 the word says, —the just shall live by faith, but if anyone draws back My (God's) soul has no pleasure in him.¶ God never wants you to draw back from faith. Israel did this in the wilderness and it was as the sin of rebellion and God had no pleasure in them and they did not enter His rest- Hebrews 3:9-11. The reason was that they did not mix faith with the words they heard- Hebrews 4:2-3. Instead of believing God they believed the evil report- Nehemiah 13:31.

But on the other hand, the spirit of faith spoke to Caleb in Numbers 13:30- —Let us go up at once and possess for we are able. Joshua and Caleb saw with the eye of faith- God is with us, we are strong, we are mightier through faith.¶

We need to hold fast to our profession of faith without wavering- Hebrews 10:23. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks- Matthew 12:34.

Fill your heart with God's Word then put God's Word on your lips and speak in faith. I challenge you today to speak faith-filled words. It will change your life and your world.

The Language of Faith

Philippians 4:13, —I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.‖

The Apostle Paul did not write this because he was an apostle and had special power or grace. He said, —I can do all things through Christ...‖ Because of his faith in Christ, and we have this same access to Christ. Paul said, —Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are new‖ (2 Corinthians 5:17). You are a new creature in Christ, too. Christ doesn't belong to the Apostle anymore than He belongs to you.

The language of faith says, —I can do all things through Christ.‖ Our Father strengthens us. I cannot be defeated or conquered. Know that the Greater One (the Holy Spirit) lives within you (1 John 4:4) —Greater is He that is in me than he who is in the world.‖ You are strengthened from within.

The Holy Spirit inside you will help you become a doer of the Word and He will help you to put your faith into action. James 1:22.

Now there will be storms in life that come your way. There will be natural forces that will come against you, but Jesus said we could overcome and be victorious.

Go to Luke 6:46-49. Jesus said he who hears My sayings and does them will be like a house built on a rock—a strong foundation. No matter what the storm, you can withstand and come through victorious because you are standing on the promises of the Word of God. Every person is going to have testings and trials and storms in life. It is how you handle them that counts.

If you have Jesus' sayings down in your heart and you're a doer of those sayings, you will be victorious.

You must trust in His Word and believe it. Proverbs 3:5, —Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.‖ If you try to lean on your own understanding, your mind will roam too much. You will try to solve your problems and storms in your own strength and abilities. Our worst enemy is the flesh and if we try to reason out our problems, circumstances and storms, we will doubt.

The language of doubt, the flesh and the senses says, —I can't. There is no way! I haven't the ability, or the opportunity or the strength. I've been limited by my flesh.‖ But faith says, —I can do all things through Christ.‖ You were never promised to do all things through your own strength.

Trust in the Lord and His Word for they are one. Jeremiah 1:12 says, —I watch over My Word to perform it.‖ God wants you to take His Word, get it down inside you and then take what the Word promises.

The Word of God says when we are born again that we have the Spirit dwelling within us that raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 8:11). That is mighty power in you!!

Know that you have God's wisdom, strength and ability in you. Allow Him to be Lord over your thoughts and intellect. Let Him govern your mind and speak through your lips.

Dare to think God's thoughts after Him. Dare to say God is my ability (Psalm 27:1). —The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?‖

Psalm 23:5——You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For you are with me.‖

Know that the strength of God is yours, when you put all your trust in Him and in His Word. Wrap yourself in the promises of God.

Then the language of faith says, —I can surely overcome and have victory.‖

Numbers 13:30 Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, —Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.‖ Make sure your confession corresponds to your faith.

One minute we confess and believe God's Word as true and the next minute we repudiate everything we say by wrong actions. Our actions have to correspond to our believing if we are to receive from God.

James 1:6-7- Get rid of worry, doubt, fear, and unbelief. Believe and trust in the Word of God. Act upon the Word and God will go work for you.

The language of faith is, —I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, MY LORD!!‖

The Law of Faith

Romans 3:27 says, —Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.‖ Faith is a law. In fact it is the law of the New Covenant.

Romans 8:31 says, —Do we make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we established the law.‖ What law? The law of faith.

Go to Romans 8:6-7- —Because the carnal mind is at enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God (law of faith) neither indeed can be.‖

The carnal mind cannot operate in the law of God (law of faith). You see, faith is a law, just like any other law or divine principle. It is like the law of gravity- it works.

Faith works in the heart of the spirit of a person. Know this: The power of God's Word conceived in the human spirit produces a spiritual force called faith. It then will manifest itself in your life. That is why it is important to have the right confession. It is important to confess God's Word in your hearing. It builds faith (Romans 10:17). This produces a spiritual force in your life. Faith works, but you have to develop yourself in it. This takes time.

It is so important that you believe God's Word and believe it when you speak it to develop your faith. Psalm 116:10 says, —I believed, therefore I spoke.‖ Paul picks up on this in 2 Corinthians 4:13, —And since we have the same spirit of faith according to what is written, I believed and therefore I spoke, we also believe and there we speak.‖

You see, what you really believe, you speak. What you speak, you will believe stronger every time you speak it. Paul is saying that you are really setting this law in motion—the spirit of faith and the law of faith.

Mark 11:23 and Luke 17:6 fall in line with the same thought—
—Whosoever shall say—— —If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...‖

If you have faith and do not doubt.

All these things explain how the law of faith is set into motion. Saying it sets things in motion. Your faith can never rise above your confession of God's Word. Bible faith is God's Word. It is the measure of faith. That is all there is! The Bible.

So your faith will never get higher than the Word of faith planted into your spirit man. Then spoken out of your mouth creating a spiritual force. The confession is thrust of your faith.

You must start your faith and confession where you are. Develop it in small things first. Then you will get to where you can believe God for bigger things.

If you confess it, proclaim it, speak it long enough, you will begin to believe it. What you speak, you believe.

Now let us look at another principle.

Matthew 13:18-19—Verse 19 says, —When anyone hears the Word of the kingdom and does not understand it, then the wicked one (the devil) comes and snatches away what was sown in the heart.¶

Mark 4:15 says, —And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.¶

The seed is the Word of God sown into the heart. So, if you understand the Word of God that is sown, Satan cannot steal it from you. Glory to God!

Jesus said in Luke 10:41-42, —And Jesus answered and said to her, _Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.¶ The good part was to worship Jesus but also the Word she was receiving shall not be taken away from her. That is why teaching the way we do is so important.

Once the seed is sown into your spirit, then it can produce and grow (mustard seed) into a great spiritual force. It grows into mountain-moving faith.

Notice in Mark 11:23-24 the principle involved: First: say-confess-homologous- say the same thing as. Second: do not doubt. Third: Believe. Fourth: Ask. Fifth: Receive.

These factors are so important.

Faith Sees The Answer

One of the things the Lord spoke to me concerning this church was to teach faith. The reason is that understanding true Bible faith is the key to receiving God's promises (Hebrews 11:6).

Receiving from God is not limited to age. But it is limited according to your faith. Faith makes the difference between defeat and victory in a Christian life.

You may ask how do we get faith? The Word of God says, —Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

Faith is an action word. Hebrews 11:1 says, —Now faith **IS** the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is something we **do**. Faith is **not** hoping that we will see the answer in the future. Faith is **believing** that we have the answer **now**.

The eyes of faith see the answer as having already happened.

Now let's look at God's Word. Proverbs 4:20-22 says, —Let them (My Words) not depart from your eyes.

Many people fail because they see themselves sick and never well. They get every bug that comes along. They never seem to have any good health for a sustained time.

But God's Word says, —He Himself (Jesus) took our infirmities and bore (carried) our sickness.¶ If that Word does not depart from before your eyes, you are bound to see yourself without sickness and disease. You will see yourself as well. You can confess yourself well.

Say, —I walk in God's divine health and healing because Jesus is my Healer and by His stripes I have already been healed.¶

But if you don't stay in the Word of God and your eyes are not on the Word, the enemy attacks you with spirits of infirmity. Even though God wants to make health a reality in your life, it becomes more difficult because you are not acting upon the Word of God.

The enemy will accuse you before God to get the right to attack you in the flesh.

Now notice in Proverbs 4:22- —For they (My Words) are life to those who find them and health (medicine- Hebrew) to all their flesh.¶

God says, —My Words are medicine to all their flesh.¶ That is good news!!!

Verses 20-21 of Proverbs 4 are the directions for taking God's medicine.

1. —Attend to¶ or study God's Word and obey His Word. Keep His Words in the midst of your heart.
2. —Incline your ears to My sayings (Word).¶ This builds faith for healing and health.
3. —Let not these words depart from your eyes.¶ Keep looking at what the Word of God says about healing and health and deliverance.

Too many people pray and pray, but they never see themselves with the answer. They just see things getting worse.

Faith already sees the answer. Constantly say, —God has heard my prayers because the Word says so. (1 John 5:14-15). —If we ask anything according to His will (His Word), He hears us. And if we know that He hears us whatever we ask, we know that we have (to have is to possess) the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Now let's look at Mark 11:23-24, —...whatever things you ask, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Now Jesus is saying here that you have to believe you have it (the things you are praying for) before you can receive them.

Remember this: The believing comes before the receiving.

Faith not only sees the answer; faith also **speaks** the answer. Real faith in the Word of God says that if God says it, it is so.

If He says that —by Whose (Jesus') stripes you were healed, then you **are healed**. Let me tell you, He has healed me every single time.

If He says, that —my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, then He does it. (Philippians 4:19).

If the Word says, —The Lord is the strength of my life (Psalm 27:1), then He is!! If the Word says, —Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed, then I am free!!! PRAISE GOD FOREVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In other words, real faith in God simply says about one's self what the Word says.

I have you confess this. —We have what the Word says we have; we are what the Word says we are; we can do what the Word says we can do. || Proverbs 4:20-23

If God says we are strong, then we are strong in the Lord. If He says He cares for me, then He certainly does. I can take it to the bank.

Get the Word of God down on the inside of you. Psalm 119:89, 93-94 —I will never forget your word- you have given me life- I am yours save me. || Keep it as a treasure. Then when your heart through your lips by speaking in faith, use the name of Jesus and you will see results.

By continually looking at the Word, faith sees the answer. Speak and confess the answer and not the problem. You will have what you believe and you will have what you say.

Faith Has a Voice

Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

In these passages we see Jesus coming to Jericho to minister. Now this was at the end of His public ministry. He had just told His disciples that He was to go to Jerusalem and suffer. His time for public ministry was short. He had been teaching in Jericho, a city that was cursed by God. Yet, He came to break the curse.

As He was leaving, a blind man by the name of Bartimaeus —heard || that it was Jesus of Nazareth. So, he cried out, —Son of David, have mercy on me! ||

When Bartimaeus heard about Jesus, He knew He was the Messiah, the Son of David. It is interesting to note that Bartimaeus was the only one to —see|| Jesus as the Son of David. Those around Him were spiritually blind. Jesus of Nazareth is the light of the world. Jesus brings light to the blind.

Bartimaeus knew this Messiah could bring sight to the blind- Isaiah 61:1-2- —The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound (Luke 4:18); to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.|| Isaiah 29:18- —In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book; and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.||

Now the crowd told Bartimaeus to be quiet. They did not think Jesus would be interested in listening to a blind beggar. But Bartimaeus kept calling out, —Son of David, have mercy on me! Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!|| You see, FAITH DOES HAVE A VOICE!

Here we see persistent, consistent, tenacious faith. I like that. In Luke 18:1-8 Jesus had told a parable about the persistent widow. She cried out to receive justice. Her faith had a voice. In verse 5 of this passage the judge says, —I will avenge her because she continually comes to me.||

Bartimaeus called out to Jesus. His faith had a voice.

Luke 18:40 is the key verse. —So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him...|| The voice of faith of Bartimaeus got the attention of Jesus.

You may need to get God's attention. Cry out to him in faith. Your faith has a voice that He is eager to respond to. He will come to your house when you continually and persistently cry out to Him in faith. You will get His attention.

—Then Jesus commanded him to be brought to Him.¶

Today Jesus is calling all of the blind- those who don't know Him as Lord and Savior.

Mark 10:50 says, —And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.¶ You see, the beggar had made up his mind. He was going to get his miracle. He wouldn't be needing beggar's clothes ever again. He put all hindrances out of his way such as self-righteousness, pride and went to the feet of Jesus.

Multitudes of people need to put aside these garments. They must lay aside every weight and every sin that besets them. Come to the feet of the Son of David and receive your miracle.

In Luke 18:41 Jesus asks a question, —What do you want Me to do for you? ¶ Jesus already knew his need, but Jesus wanted to hear his voice of faith. He wanted to hear Bartimaeus say it himself. He had strong faith and a strong desire to be healed.

Jesus desires us to ask Him with the voice of faith for our needs to be met. It releases our faith into the spirit realm when we ask.

Then Bartimaeus gives him a seven-word prayer, —...Lord, that I may receive my sight.¶ His faith had a voice and Jesus answered, —...Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.¶ Sozo-He received it all. The Greek word-sozo- saved-healed and whole.

The spoken Word healed him. Jesus may have laid hands on him; but it was an immediate transfer of God's power.

Verse 43 says, —And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.‖

This was an immediate and instantaneous healing. Jesus didn't say, —It was My power that healed you.‖ He said, —It was your faith, Bartimaeus, your persistent faith which had a voice that got My attention.‖

Then his faith made a demand on God's power and Jesus healed him. Jesus spoke the Word and the work was done. Bartimaeus can see and beholds the face of his Savior.

Bartimaeus could not contain himself. He glorified God and followed Jesus. He laid aside all his old life such as his beggar clothes and sin and followed Jesus. He had a totally new life after he met the Savior.

Do you need something from Jesus today? Know this: Your faith has a voice. Do you need healing or deliverance in your body? Do you have any children who need to come to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you have other family members that need Jesus in their lives? Then call out to Him — JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME!

If you will continue to call out in faith on Him, you will get His attention. He will come to your house and visit you.

Your faith has a voice and He wants to hear it!

Faith Library

Exit Outcomes

1. Write a 2 page paper on: what faith is, how it comes, how it grows, what kind of place it is in The Spirit realm?
2. Write a 1 page paper on what Jesus meant by: —If you have a mustard seed of faith...||
3. Write a 1 page paper on hindrances to faith.
4. Write a 2 page paper on some examples of where people were made whole by their faith.
5. Write a one page paper on Mark 11:22-25. Pay attention to the word —say|| and what it does for a believer.

Faith Library

Test

1. It is impossible to please God without faith. Hebrews 11:6

True

False

2. Faith is a Gift of God.

True

False

3. Abraham was accounted to be righteous by his faith and works together.

True

False

4. The God-Kind of faith in Hebrews 11:3 is the faith that calls things that do not exist into material existence.

True

False

5. The Bible- the message of God- is called the Word of Faith.

True

False

6. It was the Apostle Peter who said, —I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.‖

True

False

7. Faith is an attitude of believing and agreeing with God and His Word.

True

False

8. Neglect of the promise of the Word of God will hinder your faith.

True

False

9. Faith is a product of human reasoning, seeing is believing.

True

False

10. Faith is such a powerful force that people or things do not even have to be present to be touched by faith.

True

False