

The Faith Bowl

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How Do I Have Faith?
Hebrews 11:1

Introduction: The dimentions by which Christ lives in your life are the dimentions by which He will be seen in the world.

There is no question Christ is alive--but does the world know this? Is it so in your life?

A principle in life--If you are interested in being successful in life, you must find out what God is doing in relation to your life and then join Him.

Story in O.T.---Habakkuk: Disturbed--God's inactivity in the affairs of men.

Prophet saw violence, iniquity, strife, lawlessness, injustice everywhere. Wicked prospered and devouring the righteousmen.

Listen to his prayer--1:2-3 "O Jehovah, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear? I cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save."

V. 6 God told the prophet judgment would come. Chaldeans

2:3--He is told to wait--vision pointed to the return of Christ--used word it--Heb. 10:37 changed that word to He--leaving no doubt, the Lord will return and reward his own faithful.

3:17-19--Change of attitude. Faith in God made the difference. Heb. 2:4.

Faith in God made the difference. Faith made sense. He understood Israel had hope and fulfillment in God's Plan.

Science given us a different world--we still live by faith

Impossible to live without faith

Mail--believe a letter will arrive

Elevator--button--will arrive

Drink--public fountain

ticket--plane

Bowl Season - Super - Sugar - Rose 20
Season is about over -
60 Million fans will watch some games - more
than total pop. some countries.
Faith Bowl Heb 11 - stages in Spotlight -
Heb 12 We are " "
Get Rid - Exam Banysage, Sin -
Keep eye - on coach - Lord himself.

I. What is Faith?

Word--749--"To confide in, to take one at his word, to trust another to the extent that we are secure from fear, to put absolute trust in a person without questioning."

Heb. 11:17 Only definition found in the scripture.

Faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.

It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen.

It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.

Faith is taking God at His word and acting upon it.

II. How Does Faith Work?

Mechanics

Do we pray to God and then relax, expecting God to work things out in his own time and way?

Occasions Faith is like that--turn a matter over to God and man has nothing more to do with the situation.

1. Action James 2:17--Faith dead without works. Faith must often be followed by action.

Heb. 11:6--without Faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.---illustration.

Noah v. 7) Being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house.

went into action.

Abraham v. 8) "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house unto a land that I will show thee and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great and thou shalt be a blessing". Gen. 13:1-2.

Abraham did not sit there in the tent and expect God to transport him to the promised land.

He had to pack, say good bye, take necessary steps.

v. 17--Faith offered Issac--Son of purpose, promise, plan.

v. 19--Accounting that God was able to raise him even from the dead, also he received him as a figure.

God knew something Abraham didn't know, had a lamb prepared before the foundation of earth.

Jesus said John 8:56 "Your Father Abraham rejoiced to see my day and he saw it and was glad.

Abraham said get the wood, etc., everything but a lamb! Servants--you stay here, we will be back! Faith to look into heaven.

A little lady--terrible affliction-- learned one day Jesus was in her community. Believed if she could get to him he would heal her. Crowd--elbowed way through--touch hem of garment.

Faith in action--she did touch him.

2. Obedience

Walk in obedience while God works out things.

Hospital room--lady suffering kidney infection--Folks talked things over. serious operation--Their faith wrapped up in the laboratory report--Faith must be in power of God! God is greater than all.

Your faith must be in God's word. It is here you learn the secrets of life.

People say I am believing for thus and thus--

Upon what is your faith based? What scripture do you stand upon? Often they do not have a verse or postion of God's word.

You have an opinion about God and not a Christian Faith.

You pick up college catalog--give mental assent to contents

You pick up menu--certain restraurant but you may never eat there

You pick up creed--yet not experience Christianity.

Ex 23 Moses--say he was a proper child--3 months--all babies were to be destroyed by Pharaoh's order. They saw something, faith, not fear wrath of king. Faith built basket--Faith bound up Satan and Pharaoh's daughter was suppose to hate that little Jew but she loved him. Hired the mother as babysitter. Faith even made the devil pay the diaper bill and milk bill for Moses.

Power is available to you!

You must decide what you want if life and get in harmony with God's word.

Mark 11:24 Jesus said "All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Focus on faith.

Desires are clear and firm--believe and refuse to doubt. Not decide one way today and another tomorrow--set your goals--believe--a sea driven by wind.

Card--write, Desire+Faith-Doubt=Success. Faith laughs at impossibilities.

III. How Can I Increase My Faith?

Bible--weak, temporary, active, wavering, strong.

Two occasions--"Great Faith"

Centurion--seeking healing for servant--Matt. 8:8--"Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed. And when Jesus heard it, he marvelled,--Verily, I say unto you I have not found so great Faith, no, not in Israel", 8:10.

Jesus knew the power of faith.

Great faith ill. in Abraham--Romans 4:18-22. "He staggered not at the promises of God"--How can I increase my faith?

We are told not to pray for Faith, but to have Faith.

Steps:

1. Know God--Faith is not a formula or testimony--Faith begins by accepting Christ as personal saviour.

v. 6--One becomes a Christian by Faith. We can not know God unless we believe He exists.

If we want a vital experience with God, we must not sit, passively by hoping for some visitation. Action must be taken.

Take time to seek God.

To know God changes everything.

Great men of the Bible had 3 common qualities. They had faith, peace and power.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid", Psalms 27:1-2.

Peace abiding deep--worry leaves.

Power experienced.

✓ 2. Study His Word

"So Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17.

Blessed is the man that delights in the law of the Lord--meditates day and night. Psalms 1:1-2

Discipline yourself in order to read and understand God's word. Psalms 119--
Thy word have I laid up in my heart--Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Live in his word.

✓ 3. Keep His Commandments

Disobedience makes cowards of us all.

Obedience brings confidence--faith makes sense and brings results.

1John 3:21-22--"We get whatever we ask because we are obeying Him and doing those things that please Him.

John 14:23 "If a man love me, he will keep my word."

✓ 4. Prove His Promises

Faith rests on facts--"The fool hath said in his heart there is no God"

Psalms 53:1

"Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35.

Men fail but God never fails.

Faith in ourselves is not sufficient--a condemned criminal strapped into an electric chair needs more than faith in himself.

Faith in God is different--This is how men got answers in Bible days--took the promises of God in their heart.

Never permit a mental picture of failure to be in your mind--exercise the faith you have.

Share with others what God has done for you--faith will increase--start applying faith.

Paul on the ship--darkness--be of good cheer! Where did he get such a report?
On that trip a snake bit him. It didn't bother Paul. He had orders to go to Rome, why get frustrated on the way.

The more you use your faith the greater it becomes, and the possibilities are unlimited. Your troubles may seem like giants, your rivers appear uncrossable.

Don't forget his promises--meditate on the times the Lord has helped you. God can be trusted. Attend church where the preacher exalts God and His word. God lives today.

Small mustard seed--grows.

Where there is no faith, nothing great can be accomplished.

James A. Steward Scotland--mother devout Christian. Gave him a new Bible. He ask what for. You are going to be saved and you won't need that football chart any longer. Mamma I'd rather play ball and go to hell. She told the folks at church to praise God for her son's salvation. On the Soccer field in less than two weeks he was saved. Rushed home to tell his mother found Jesus. She said hush--I been telling people for two weeks about this.

Manley Beasley was ill--His doctor walked away crying. Beasley could not live--disease.

His aunt visited him--told him friend of hers lived 2½ months. Saw a child hand turned to stone--1:30 got out of bed--ask God what his plan was in heaven. God said you are going to live and see your childrens children.

He is still alive and preaching today.

IV. Is This Faith Within The Reach of Every Man?

Devil will persuade us not to believe.

Romans 12:3 "God hath dealt to each man a (measure of Faith)."

Faith in God made men in Bible times great.

No secret or mystery about the way we get Faith. (We look to Jesus.) "The author and perfecter of our faith.

Gal. 2:20--By faith we live "That life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith".

By faith we walk, not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7.

By faith we stand. Romans 11:20.

By faith we keep true to God. 1 Peter 1:5.

By faith we receive healing for our bodies. James 5:15-16. Pray for one another that ye may be healed, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick".

Faith has been tested-----

Required of man to believe God.

Still the way he deals with us.

Take the faith he has given you, watch it grow, let it move mountains.

Jesus made
3000 years - On - 7th Ball - Prof. Team Calif

1 month - 11 Things Happened -

- 1- son - married wif.
- 2- son - Dave - Borned Dr. Benedictin front Calif. inf. & Revised Prof. job -
Left wif 2 ch. - live another woman - in Vict.
- 3- Daughter repeated father - left husband 3rd time in another man
- 4- wif - Mom snapped - left him, suicided him twice,

Room - lot - 3ly cried, prayed - would end.
Hotel - 2nd - got lounge kills self - lights flashing - window on of "Jesus comes"

Bath - 2AM - "Does He, Does He Really"
next day - light "Jesus comes" - say "....." - most man

3AM - lights went off - ran to - light turn light on, please

God turn that light on.
4 AM - left bed in chron bed - eyes blood shot - "I know when I can get some help"

Pastor's Conference - corner - expected -
number 10,000 off - 12,000 off - 13,000 - Told of success

Old etc Runned -
stand - my Bro you look so fine - my son went crazy Borned

Dr. sign up wif, Other son turn - Daughter left 3ch - my wife left

al want is it you preacher - (has) Done any Room here

for a house - Sat Down -
Preacher also - he had this - Pay for me, my son Marjorie -