

Lesson 8 Faith

Faith is the reliance upon and complete trust in God. We place our eyes on the Author and Finisher of our Faith, Christ Jesus, knowing that He will fulfill every promise declared to us.

Faith is trust, assurance, and confidence in God. Faith is trusting in something you cannot explicitly prove. Faith contains two aspects: intellectual assent and trust.

- Intellectual assent is believing something to be true.
- Trust is relying on the fact that something is true.

Romans 10:17 | How does faith begin?

¹⁷ So, then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Your faith will only grow one way – Hearing the Word of God. God will use people such as godly parents, preachers, and the Bible to speak to you.
- The Holy Spirit will reveal specific words to you that will come to life, causing your faith to grow.

The Power of God fuels your faith:

1 Corinthians 2:5

⁵ So that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

John 4:48

⁴⁸ "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "You will never believe."

- Seeing the supernatural work of God will boost your faith.
- There is a significant difference between a specialist in an area, and the Power of God. We respect and honor the work of health experts, but we place our faith on the power of God.
- The Bible is true and reliable, and for you to increase your faith in the supernatural read supernatural testimonies in the bible.

Romans 10:10 | Confession validates our faith

¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

- When we truly have faith, there will be evidence of our faith. That evidence is the declaration of our faith.
- It is difficult for someone to confess they are a "saint" by the work of Jesus if they still see themselves as a sinner.

1 Peter 1:6-7 | Trials purify our faith

⁶ So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

- Learn to view trials as opportunities for God to show you, His power. The trial is the given moment to unleash your faith in the Lord and watch Him work.
- Once the trial is over, you will notice your faith in the Lord has increased. Next time there is another trial, remember how the Lord operated in your previous trials.

Faith can be compared to jumping out of an airplane with a parachute on. The person jumping must be willing to deposit their entire faith into the function of a parachute. If it does not function, they will most likely die.

Learn to place your entire faith in the Lord, His Work and His promises!