

## The Bridge of Faith

**Overview:** Heb 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God, so faith is the bridge connecting us to God. Because of this bridge, we receive the answers to our prayers for, with faith, all things are possible (Mark 9:23).

### A. Bridges of Faith.

1. Faith links Grace to Salvation (Eph 2:8).
2. Faith links God's grace to His miracles (Acts 14:3).
3. Faith links Goodness to Humility in the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22).
4. Faith links the Gifts of the Spirit with miracles (1 Cor 12:8-10, Acts 3:16).

### B. Bridge Links the Mirror to Reality.

1. God sees us through the Blood of Jesus as perfect. The Bible tells who we are and what we have and what we can do.
2. We hear the Word and we believe it & agree with it. This is Mental Assent.
3. Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass (*mirror*):  
For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.
4. Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word (*i.e., act in faith*) and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves v21 .... and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

### C. What is the Foundation of the Bridge of Faith?

1. All bridges require a foundation, without which the bridge will collapse.
2. Knowledge is the foundation of the Bridge of Faith. Faith is based on knowledge. Knowledge defines the boundaries of Faith.
3. Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.  
Knowledge supports Faith both by the actual informational content and by establishing the boundaries (limitations) of Faith (Mark 11:24 for people).
4. Without knowledge of the promise & its conditions, there can be no faith because faith is engrafted into the heart based on believing and acting.

### D. A Bridge Too Far.

1. In the natural, if a bridge is extended too far beyond its foundational support, it will eventually break off and collapse.
2. In the spiritual, if the Bridge of Faith is extended too far beyond its support of knowledge, it will eventually fail, leading to a breaking down of the Faith Action Plan and a collapse in the spiritual warfare.
3. When faith extends beyond its knowledge base, it reverts to Mental Assent. When faith extends beyond its boundaries, it becomes presumption.
4. When faith is over-extended, a myriad of challenges may occur, ranging from extremely long times to manifestation to major spiritual warfare..