

Faith that Works

Overview: Faith is our connection to all that God has done for us through Jesus. With our faith, evidenced by our actions and words of faith, we secure the promises of God for our lives. Genuine faith, no matter how small (e.g. mustard seed faith), will change us and the world around us.

A. Understanding Faith

1. Faith is the assurance, the title deed of things hoped for. Heb 11:1 AMP
2. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. Heb 11:1
3. Faith is a confident expectation without any doubting in the heart. Mark 11:23
4. Faith is believing despite what things look like. Rom 4:18-21
5. Faith is the leaning of entire human personality on God (no plan B). Heb 6:12 AMP
6. Faith is measured in quality not quantity. Matt 17:20; Luke 17:6
7. Great Faith vs. Little Faith. Matt 8:10; Matt 15:28
Matt 6:30; 8:26; 14:31

B. What Faith Is and Is Not

1. Faith is not hoping nor wishing. I Cor 13:13
2. Faith is not waiting for God to move. Mark 11:24
3. Faith and Patience is not hoping and waiting. Heb 6:12
4. Faith is Now; in the present. Heb 11:1
5. Faith is not future. 1 Pet 2:24
6. Faith is not mental assent.
7. Faith comes from the heart. Mark 11:23; Rom 10:9-10
8. Faith is active not passive. Mark 10:46-52

C. Key Elements of Faith

1. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Rom 10:17
2. Faith is seen by words and actions (often at great risk). James 2:17
 - a. Centurion. Matt 8:5-10, 13
 - b. Jairus. Mark 5:22-23, 36
 - c. Woman with issue of blood. Mark 5:25-34
 - d. Woman of Canaan. Matt 15:22-28
 - e. Blind Bartimaeus. Mark 10:46-52
3. We walk by faith not by sight. 2 Cor 5:7
4. There is a process of walking by faith. Mark 11:24
 - a. Desire
 - b. Pray
 - c. Believe you have received when you pray (words and actions)**
 - d. You shall have them.
5. Acting by faith on the Word builds faith in your heart. Heb 6:18-19
6. Faith is essential to being a conqueror in this life. 1 John 5:4; Heb 11:6

Recommendation: When a challenge comes to your life, find what the Word says about it, pray the Prayer of Faith, then create a Faith Action Plan to act and speak by faith.