

Putting the Pedal to the Metal

A. Power Promises from God to You.

1. Nothing is impossible for God.

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jer 32:27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

Eze 12:25 For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; I will say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, & it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isa 46:11 I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Jer 1:12 Said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

Psa 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

2. God wants you to know that nothing is impossible for you because He is for you.

Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (*a hope and a future*).

Psa 118:6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me

Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; 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.

Mat 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and **nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

Mar 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

B. Faith launches you into the Land of Promises.

1. Believe only. Do not doubt nor have unbelief.

The main hindrances to believing (i.e., mental assent) are doubt and unbelief.

Luk 8:50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

2. Believing in your heart requires hearing and doing. Hear/do 10, Hearken/do 14 times in OT. Mental Assent becomes Heart Faith when you act on it.

Deu 30:12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

Exo 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

3. Faith is simply believing that the Bible is the Word of God and doing what it says. God said it. I believe it. That settles it.

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Mat 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Mat 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Luk 6:49 But he that **heareth, and doeth not**, is like a man that **without a foundation built an house** upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

C. Faith Action Plan.

1. Faith requires work (Jam 2:20). It requires your acting on the promise even before the circumstances change. This is called **Walking by Faith (2 Cor 5:7)**. It is speaking and acting just as if you believe that you have already received the answer to the promise/prayer.

Jos 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

2. Faith works by love, which produces obedience. Obedience is hearing and doing.

Deu 30:15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

Deu 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deu 30:17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

Deu 30:18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Deu 30:20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land

D. The Main Hindrance to Faith is Fear. Fear (ye) not occurs 63 times in the Bible.

1. Fear allows satan on the scene. Faith allows God on the scene.

Job 3:25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me

Eph 2:8 By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

2. Faith is partnering with God. Fear is partnering with satan.

Jos 1:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

Jos 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Jos 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.