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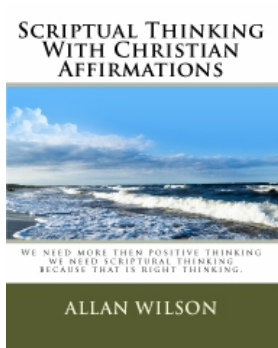
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Exactly What Is Faith Anyway?

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, **the evidence** of things not seen.

Another translation puts it this way....

Faith **is being sure** of what we hope for **and certain** of what we do not see.

Let's have a look at what faith means...

1) **Conviction of the truth**

Faith is unshakeable. It can't be swayed by events that surround us or by what we see. This is what it means to stand on the rock. It means to be steadfast and unmovable.

2) **Fidelity, faithfulness**

As in our marriages we are called faithful being with our partner and no one else. The Bible compares our relationship with the Father as a marriage. Being steadfast in the faith shows the character of one who can be relied on.

Faith is simply **believing, trusting** and **obeying** God.



Without Faith it is impossible to please God

Hebrews 11:6

But **without faith it is impossible to please him:** for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

How can we possibly expect to receive anything from God without faith?

Let's get personal here...

If YOU come to God **YOU must believe that HE IS GOD!**

AND...

That HE is a REWARDER!!

HE **will** reward YOU if YOU **diligently** seek him! God is a rewarder. He is our Father.

Do you REWARD your children when they do well? Of course you do... We are God's children and he rewards us.

This is the whole thing about faith... **We are to EXPECT things to happen.**

We are to **EXPECT** God to answer our prayers.

Oh... How important is faith if we can't please God without it?

It is something we **NEED**.

It is something we **MUST HAVE**.



The Power of unfaith

OK. I know unfaith isn't really a word but hey, it describes very well what we are about to read.

James 1:6-8

But let him **ask in faith, nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord**. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Here we see the power of both faith and unfaith!

If you ask in faith - nothing wavering - then you receive blessing from the Lord.

But... If you waver. If you are double minded - **you will receive nothing**.

Mark 6:1-6

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled

because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

What a huge disappointment. However it does highlight the power of unfaith!

He could there do no mighty work save heal a few sick folk.

Does this sound familiar? How many of our modern day churches does this remind us of? Does it remind us of our own?

EEK!

We need to critically examine ourselves.

If Jesus came into our meeting place would he marvel at our unbelief?





The Power of Faith

Matthew 17:19-20

Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 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.**

First of all we read of Jesus very straight reply to his disciples. We may ask the same question at times but are we ready for the answer?

Because of your unbelief!

How important is it then that we stir ourselves up in the faith?

Now let's move onto the good stuff.

Jesus said, If you have faith the size of a grain of mustard seed you can tell a mountain to go jump and it will jump.

How powerful is that?

Please dwell on this for a moment.

A grain is very small indeed. But just a tiny little grain size amount of faith has the power to move a mountain. And this is literally not just spiritually.

Now how much more could we do if we had faith the size of our hand? An entire fist full of faith. It is absolutely mind blowing the power of faith.

Let me give you an example...

I have seen many people healed of various illnesses throughout my walk in the Lord.

One such healing was graciously given to my wife and I who could not have children. After many years of praying, fastings, and the earnest support of the brethren God gave us children.

I sometimes joke that he has now given us too many!!!!

After our first miracle boy Samuel was born God backed that miracle up by giving us twins Benjamin and Nathan.

However despite having received a great miracle from the Lord and despite having seen people in my fellowship healed of cancer, Lupus and all manner of sicknesses.

I have yet to see anyone go outside and literally move a mountain.

So what am I saying?

If all of these people have been healed and yet none of them have moved a mountain then how powerful is **just a little bit of faith?**

If it takes faith the size of a grain of mustard seed to move a mountain and no one has done it - then how small a bit of faith did these people need to be healed?

This little analogy is just to highlight the POWER of faith.

It is the most dynamic powerful substance known to man.

What would happen if you had a fist full of faith? Move the whole planet perhaps?

And that's just with a fist full.

Faith is more powerful than uranium!

Why isn't everyone chasing after it? Why don't we pursue it?

If just the tiniest particle of faith can achieve so much then how important is it for us get our fair share of this life changing power?



These Signs Follow Believers

Mark 16:17-18

And these signs shall follow **them that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

These signs follow those who believe.

This why sceptics never see miracles!

Matthew 15:28

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is **thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt**. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Mark 5:34

And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith** hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Enough said.

Be it to you as you believe!

Be it to you according to your faith.



Lord Help My Unbelief

Mark 9:21-27

And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oft times it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.** And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, **Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.**

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Perhaps many of us fit into this category.

So... Let's do the same thing.

Ask the Lord to help our unbelief...

I tell you that your unbelief isn't going to disappear listening to the ways of the world.

Where do you fellowship the most?

Do you spend your time reading the word?

Praying?

Fellowshipping with your brethren?

Or...

Do you fellowship with darkness. Do you know more about your favourite television characters than the members of your church?

Who do you listen to the most?

Unbelievers or believers?

What do you talk about the most?

Is it unbelief or belief?

If unbelief can be so disastrous in our lives should we not be doing our best to weed it out?





Lord Increase Our Faith

Luke 17:5-10

And the apostles said unto the Lord, **Increase our faith.**
And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do

Interesting how the Lord **compared faith as our servant.**

Do we actually have that mind set.

Faith is something that can be ordered about.

Go do this for me.

Go do that for me.



We Need HIS Faith

Acts 3:16

And **his name** through faith in **his name** hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, **the faith which is by him** hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Let's word this more clearly...

And **JESUS** name through faith in **JESUS** name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, **the faith which is by JESUS** hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

By whose faith was this man healed? The faith of Jesus!

It is in Jesus name.

By us having faith in Jesus name and by the faith which is by Jesus.

This is the key point here...

Sometimes we don't feel worthy enough. Sometimes we think we will get more answers by the more WE do. By our own works. As if we can earn a healing.

Who is doing the healing here? You see the above thinking is almost saying that we have the power to heal ourselves. We don't!

Jesus is the one who earned our healing. It is by the works of Jesus that we get results. **Not our own strength.**

Our faith is to be in Jesus! Elevate him. Lift Jesus higher.

Be Jesus centered and not self centered.



Faith Comes From Hearing

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God
How does faith come?

By hearing!

Are you listening?

How are your ears opened?

How can you listen correctly?

By the word of God!

How important is it then that you spend as much time as you can in the word of God? Because then you can hear and then you can have faith.

Don't for one minute think you can do it outside the word of God.

If God says NO then he means NO!

If he says for you to do something then DO IT.

Matthew 13:16

But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.



You Need To Exercise Faith

I want to share with you a thought that a friend of mine once raised when speaking about faith.

He said it was like your muscles.

If you want big muscles you feed your body the right food and go to the gym to exercise your muscles. The more you exercise your muscles by lifting weights the bigger they grow and the stronger you become. Well it's the same with faith. We need to exercise it.

You see we all can sit at home in our comfort zone and say we have faith. But it's not until we get out of our comfort zone that we are really stretching ourselves. We need to exercise our faith. By constantly putting ourselves in a position where we need to use faith we will see our faith grow. Just like our muscles.

Think of the things in the Lord you could be doing that perhaps scare you a little. Perhaps it is witnessing to someone. Perhaps it is opening your mouth to tell someone that they can be healed or maybe telling your boss you won't work during church hours.

The very same friend who told me the above analogy applied for a job in another town. He got the interview and thought if it is the Lord's will that I have this job I will hide nothing.

He ended up telling this guy he had just met his whole testimony. How he came to the Lord, how he valued his honesty and integrity (this was a job as a car salesman) and how he would not work on Sunday because that was when he went to church.

You know what? Of course you do... He got the job. Not only that his present employer begged him to stay. Why? Because he was the best

car salesman in our town. He would never lie to his customers. Yet he sold more cars!

Exercise your faith and watch it grow.



Step Out In Faith

Matthew 14:25-31

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**

There's a lesson here about stepping out in faith.

Jesus said come.

Note that Peter while he listened to Jesus and while he had his eyes on Jesus **actually walked on water**. And it was only when he took his eyes off Jesus and started looking around at the wind and the waves that he began to doubt and to sink.



Jesus said, O thou of little faith, wherefore did you doubt?

Consider how much more the Lord would have upbraided us. You see Peter did something that I admire very much...

He had a go!

He actually attempted to do it and for a little while succeeded.

But perhaps the rest of us would have been still in the ship watching.

How little was our faith?

The Lord needs people to have a go. We need to get out of the ship sometimes and step out in faith. We need to get out of the grandstand and onto the playing paddock.

We need to stop being arm chair critics
while we watch others.



Note that Jesus was there to lift him back up. Peter was exercising faith. The more you try the more your faith grows and Jesus will always be there to lift us back up. A little like a bird learning to fly.



Persistence

Matthew 15:22-28

And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, **O Lord, thou Son of David**; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word.

And his disciples came and besought him, saying, **Send her away; for she crieth after us**. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **Then came she and worshipped him**, saying, **Lord, help me**.

But he answered and said, It is not meet to take **the children's bread**, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, **Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table**.

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, **O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt**. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Well there is a lot that can be said about this. However number 1 is **the persistence** of this woman. She continued to follow him no matter what – Do we?

She knew who Jesus was calling him Lord and Son of David. But he didn't answer her. But she kept on coming. So much so that the disciples couldn't stand it any more saying 'Lord send her away.'

So we see her **persistence** but we also see her **humility**.

She could have become indignant and stormed off at his lack of attention. But not so. She knew Jesus was the only answer and she continued to pursue.

Do you realise what Jesus was saying here?

Healing is the children's bread!

And she was so faithful and so full of humility all she was asking for was the crumbs.

And looked what happened!

The crumbs were enough to heal her child.

How much more can we who sup at the Lord's table be supplied with an abundance of blessing. We get to eat of the bread. We get the whole feast.



If the crumbs that fall to the floor are enough to perform mighty miracles how much more should we expect when we can humbly sit at the Lord's Table?



It Is Not Mind Over Matter

This is a very important point.

It's not mind over matter. **It is JESUS over matter.**

Faith is a **doing** word.

It's not a feeling, an emotion. It's not something you have to be psyched up for.

Faith is doing, obeying, agreeing with the word of God.

The best way to explain this is by looking at the following Scripture...

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

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: And all these blessings shall come on thee, **and overtake thee**, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Just get on with it!

We're heading towards the Promised Land. Sure difficulties sometimes arise however if we continue to walk on, continue to obey and trust the Lord these **blessings will overtake us.**

Sometimes people lose focus by doing nothing but dwelling upon their problems. The Bible tells us to get on with it. Keep walking. Continue moving towards the ultimate goal. Stay focused and the blessings will come.

Don't chase the blessings away!



Walk By faith Not By Sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Our eyes are only equipped to see the natural.

And they can cloud our judgement.

They can distract us.

They can mislead us.

They can not see the big picture.

Here is an example of what we can't see in the natural.

2 Kings 6:15-17

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. **And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

They looked gone for all money. But God was there with a mighty army that natural man could not see.

Let's have a look at 2 examples of not relying on what we see.



The Example Of The Bat

I remember years ago when working night shift I was dwelling upon the Lord and thinking about faith. When... My eye was taken with a bat that had found it's way inside the factory.

I stood there and watched it in amazement.

The ceiling had large steel beams which were about twenty feet apart and the bat when flying clung as close as it could to the ceiling. I couldn't believe how fast it was going.

It would zoom along and just as I thought it was about to hit one of these steel beams it would duck under it at the last moment and then rise up again to the roof before ducking under the next one and so on.

I tell you it was flying so fast and left it right to the last micro-second before ducking under these beams - that every time I thought it was going to hit one. But of course it didn't.

And I remember thinking to myself I bet if it could see it wouldn't do that...

Of course the bat has no eyes and relies solely on sonar. And that night I received the perfect lesson about not walking by sight but walk by faith.

You see that bat was never in any danger. Its sonar was always going to guide it on the right course. Now if that bat could see it would have been far more cautious and would have either flown slower or dived under those big beams much earlier.

I wonder how many times we loose the full blessing of God because of our natural eye sight. We should fully trust in our sonar (God) who will guide us on the right course.



The Child On The Chair

We can learn more about faith by observing the actions of our children.

When our children are young they have complete faith in their parents. You stand your young child on a chair and tell him/her to jump into your arms and they do it without question. Having full trust in you that you will catch them. They fully expect that anything you say is right.

The thought never even enters their mind that you might drop them. That what you are doing can hurt them. NO! They fully demonstrate faith and launch into your arms.

However something happens when we get older.

The negative thoughts do start to enter our minds. We do consider the possibilities that we may get dropped. That the floor will hurt and so forth.

All of a sudden we allow fear to rob us of our earlier trust.

Let's not be like this with the Lord.

He is our Father and we are his children.

If he says jump then just do it. Fully trust him. Obey his word knowing that he will never hurt us. Knowing that he will always be there to catch us.

Knowing that he is always right.



Daniel In The Lions Den

Daniel 6:16-23

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

Have you ever been close up to a lion?

I have. At the city zoo. And they are BIG critters! I was scared and I was on the other side of the fence and only looking at one lion.

Now consider Daniel's position here.

He was thrown into a den of lions. Many ferocious man eating beast. I don't know about you but the initial fear of being thrown in among these lions must have been enormous. Heart attack material!

Now consider something else.

He was thrown into a den and it was sealed up with a rock just before nightfall.

Now even though you are full of faith you could imagine the relief after you were initially tossed in to find that lions were keeping there distance.

I'm sure you would still have 'your heart in your mouth' and clinging fairly close to the outer wall... But then something terrible happens...

NIGHTFALL!

That's right... Just as you are probably feeling a sense of relief. Night falls.

No electricity back in them days. So here you are in the pitch black among man eating lions.

I don't know about you but I would have eyes the size of dinner plates.



Your sensors would be so heightened. The scriptures are amazing at times with the way they cover such a big event with such few words. But again I ask you to put yourself in the place of Daniel.

You would hear every noise the lions make. You would here them walking around.

Gasp... It's pitch black. Are they coming for you?

You would hear them scratching themselves.

You would even smell their breathe.

Let's not just gloss over this miracle. If you were there it would have been the longest night of your life.

Then daybreak comes and the stone is rolled away and you're delivered.

Now of course we read that the Angel of the Lord came and protected Daniel. But was this Angel visible? We would like to think so. We would like to believe that Daniel was under no duress at all. However maybe he wasn't visible.

Maybe Daniel just knew that's what happened.

Do we trust that the Lord has his Angel protecting us?

Now I want you to contemplate on this?

When did the miracle happen?

Was it when the stone was rolled away? Or was it when the lions mouths were shut? Or some time much earlier.

I can relate to this with the healing of my wife and I to be able to have children. When did that miracle happen? At conception? Childbirth?

I believe it began to happen when we found the Lord.

And so the main emphasis here is that sometimes we go through life in fear. In total lack of faith...

But imagine being in that lions den knowing what you know now... that God was going to deliver you.

You wouldn't worry about clinging to the outer wall would you? Of course not!

You would be right out in the middle of that den.

You would be playing with those man eating beasts. You would be calling them.. Here kitty-kitty-kitty.

Yeah... You'd be bold and you would be ENJOYING the experience. If you knew that what you were going through that night was a miracle you would be enjoying every minute of it.

Instead of it being the longest night of your life it would be the quickest.

Are you going through something now?

Are you fearful?

Then relate to this story. Maybe you are looking for a healing from the Lord?

Well then when does the miracle happen?

**Are you almost at the end of your night?
Is the stone about to be rolled away?**

If you knew without doubt that you will be delivered in such and such a time then should you not be enjoying the miracle process rather than being in fear?

I hope this story inspires you to walk in faith.

To stop looking at your circumstances.

To walk by faith and not by sight!



The Importance Of Friends

Mark 2:1-5

And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

How important are our friends? Or our brethren in the church?

Sometimes we are unable to come before the Lord. When you are sick you don't much feel like doing anything.

But during these times our friends can get us there.

We should be caring for our brethren.

Bringing them before the Lord.

Notice here that they couldn't reach the Lord because of the press (crowd). Sometimes in our lives (especially within Western society) we have so much happening that the Lord tends to get obscured by it all.

We need to get through this stuff.

We NEED, we HAVE TO get to the Lord.

Did you see the faith of these guys?

They ripped the roof off to get to Jesus.

Wow! What would happen today if you had a packed house while preaching the gospel and someone started tearing the roof off. Your first response would probably be to call the police.



But not Jesus - he saw their faith and rewarded them so.

The faith of our friends can help bring results. The sick guy also demonstrated great faith - after all he was the one being lowered down from the roof.

He trusted the help of his friends and they all knew the only answer was to get to Jesus.

When we are faced with a difficulty do we do all that we can to get to Jesus. Do we summons our friends and ask them to help?

We should!



The Faith Of The Centurion

Matthew 8:5-13

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. **And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.** The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: **but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.**

For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, **I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.** And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; **and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

The centurion knew all about authority. He knew that Jesus didn't have to come in person. He knew that Jesus only had to speak the word. **Remember earlier we said that faith can be used like our servant. *Command the servant (faith) to do the job.***

In the Old Testament we read a story of Naaman the leper who wanted to be seen by the man of God. However he was greeted by his servant and at first was indignant that the man of God did not come out to meet him.

This is not so with the centurion - he recognised the Lord only had to speak the word and then faith (the servant) would take care of the rest.



The Faith of Abraham

Galations 3:6-9

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham**. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, [saying], In thee shall all nations be blessed.

So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

I just couldn't leave Abraham out of a book about faith.

There could be none greater than Abraham.

He tithed before tithing was a law.

Therefore he tithed in faith.

Everything the Lord ever told him he obeyed.

He was a classic example of someone who walked in faith.

No questions.

No ifs, buts or maybes.

He always said yes Lord. And he responded **immediately** to the Lords bidding.

Abraham did not lean to his own understanding.

Abraham walked by faith and not by sight!



Do You Have The Faith?

Acts 14:8-10

And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: **who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,** Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Nothing is impossible for the Lord.

This guy had been crippled from birth. But God healed him.

Paul somehow perceived that this fellow had faith to be healed.

Isn't that exciting?

If it was possible for him it is possible for you!

Also notice the setting of this miracle.

It was while hearing the word of God.

Remember... Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. It was Paul preaching the word of God that enabled this man to have the faith to be healed.

So once again if you want to increase your faith then you need to increase the amount of time you listen to God's word.

Continue to feed on the good stuff. Listen to testimonials of others who have received blessings from God.



Just Have A Go!

In summary I just want to encourage you to get out there and **be a doer** of the word.

You know I am the supervisor in my work place and I'm in charge of the hiring and the firing.

And nothing pleases me more then someone who has a go.

A trier!

Someone who launches in and does their best. It doesn't matter how many mistakes they make (they usually learn from them anyway) I still prefer the trier then the guy who never makes a mistake but only plods along doing what he has to.

I'm sure the Lord is also well pleased with those who attempt to do things. Just like Peter walking on water. At least he tried. The others just sat in the boat.

That ship represents your church. The fellow-ship.

Are you going to be one of the many who just sit there and do only what you have to or are you going to **step out in faith and have a go?**

I sincerely hope that this ebook has helped to inspire you.