

WEEK ONE: INTRODUCTION

In every man there is a longing for someone, something, or just to fit in. This search leads man to the questions like “Who am I” or “What am I doing here?” Unaware of God, Faith is used without knowing or calling it faith and the best that he can do is Hope.

Everyday the regenerated man uses Faith in whatever he does, and as we grow in God we grow in faith, and as we grow in faith we grow in the knowledge of who we are in Christ, and as we grow in Christ we become who He is on the earth. Now we can do the work that we have been ordained to do on and in the earth and fulfill our purpose and destiny.

Every man has been dealt the measure of faith, what he does with it will depend on how he exercises it and develop it. When he fails to use it he is working doubt and unbelief and has to put forth all types of effort and work to make things happen for him. When we look at the Cross and see what Christ did for us and just believe by faith we will receive it and walk in it and live in it. Acts 17: 28 tell us that in Him we live and move and have our being. Our very existence is wrapped up in who He is in you. This takes Faith.

FAITH is a noun that leads you to believe a verb and believe is acting out on what you have heard from the word of God and His promises. There are two kinds of faith that we are going to be talking about. Abraham Faith and Thomas Faith. Two kinds of unbelief, one comes from not hearing the word of God and the other comes when unpersuadableness and become disobedience to the word of God. The cure for the first is knowledge of the word of God and the cure for the second is obedience of the word of God.

Heb. 11:6 – “without faith it is impossible to please God.” It did not say how much faith just that you need faith.

If every believer has been given the measure of faith then the believer has the ability to exercise and grow your faith for whatever you need to believe God for.

Smith Wigglesworth and F.F. Bosworth were great men of faith. Both would feed the outer and inner man the food needed to grow.

You can start where you are at. Nobody climbs a ladder starting on the top rung. You’ve got to start on the bottom rung and climb up if you’re going to climb the ladder. That’s the thing that defeats a lot of people. They try to believe beyond their measure of faith. Just because someone had fed more on God’s Word and has exercised their faith is not a sign that God gave them more faith than He gave someone else. No, the person who fed on the Word and exercised had the same measure of faith to begin with as others had, but he fed his faith and exercised it, and his faith grew. Then he could believe God for more.

FAITH IS NOT HOPE

Faith changes hope to reality.

Faith is acting on the face of contrary evidence, the physical man, the outward man, and the natural mind.

Faith counts the things done before God has acted on them.

Faith is present tense, Hope is always future.

Matthew Henry Commentary

Faith always has been the peculiar characteristic of God's servants from the beginning of the world. In defining faith all the variety of it's acting in the whole of a believer's experience and conduct is included.

Heb. 10:38 "the just shall live by faith."

WEEK TWO: THE ORIGIN OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is our very source of Faith.

Faith – Heb. 11:1 – GR 4102 – pistis (pis-tis) from 3982

Persuasion ie credence, conviction (of a religious truth or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher) reliance upon Christ for salvation; constancy in such profession, the system of religious (gospel) truth itself, assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

3982 – pëithō (pí-tho) a prim. verb – to convince, (by argument true or faith) to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means) reflex or pass to assent, to rely – agree, assure, believe, have confidence, make friends, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

Hebrews 12:2 (KJ) “looking unto Jesus who is the author and the finisher of our Faith”

Author – from the Strong Concordance Greek – 747 from 746 & 71 “Archēgos - pronounce like ar-khay- gos”- a chief leader, captain, prince, author.

746 - Archē - a commencement, chief in various application of order if time, place, rank, beginning, corner, first, magistrate, power, principality, principle.

71- Ago – the prime verb that means to lead, to bring, to drive, to go, to pass time, induce, bring forth, carry out, let go, lead away, or be open.

756- Achōmai – precedence to commence in the order of time, rehearse from the beginning.

Finisher: (perfecter)

Gr. 5047 – Tělēlōtes – from 5046 – the state of completeness – perfection

Gr. 5046- Tělēlōs from 5056 – complete in various application of labor, growth, in mental and moral character, of full age man, perfect

Gr. 5056- Tělōs - from the prime root; to set out for a definite point or goal, the point aim at as a limit, the conclusion of an act or state, termination, result, ultimate or prophetic purpose, custom ending, finally, uttermost

Heb.12:2 (AMP) “looking away from all that will distract to Jesus, who is the Leader and the Source of our Faith giving the first incentive for our belief and also it’s finisher, bringing it to maturity and perfection. He for the joy of obtaining the prize that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God”.

(NAS) “Fixing your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith”

(NI) “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith”

(MESS.) “Keeping your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finish the race we are in”

(WUEST) “Looking off and away to Jesus, the originator and perfecter of this aforementioned faith”

Gal. 2:20 “we live by the faith of the Son of God”

Acts 3:16 “the faith which is by Him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all”

1 Peter 5:4 “He is our Chief Shepherd”

Heb. 2:10 “He is the Captain of our Salvation”

Isaiah 9:6 “He is the Prince of Peace”

Acts 17:28 “For in Him we live and move and have our being”

1 Peter 1:23 “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever”

2 Cor. 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight”

John 6:58 Jesus is our bread

John 4:14 Jesus is your water

John 14:6 Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life

John 15:7 Jesus is your source

Philippians 1:6 (AMP) And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ right up to the time of His return, developing that good work and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.

(KJ) “He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ”

(NAS) “He will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ”

(NI) “Will carry it on to completion to the day of Jesus Christ”

(CE) “We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete”

The plan of God has not changed and it is still the same. The faith that we need is that our Father is making us like He originally intended us to be from the beginning. In Gen. 1:26 when He said “Let us make in our image and in our likeness and let him have dominion over the thing that He had created.

WEEK THREE – PART 1: KINDS OF FAITH

What is Faith? Faith is not Hope

Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the substance (amp- confirmation, the title deed, “nas” – assurance) of things hope for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is act when you belief the word of God and put into motion. You cannot receive from God beyond actual faith. Faith says it my now and takes the things from the spiritual realm and brings it to the realm of the natural. Faith is simple and Faith IS present, it is confidence that we can have what the word of God tells us and that we can have His promises now. Faith is grasping the unrealities of hope and beginning into the realm of the reality. Real faith in the word of God says it is so, and then it is so. Our text declares that faith is “the evidence of things not seen.”

Mark 11:24 tells us that “what so ever you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.” Real faith is built on the word, meditates on the word, digs deeply into the word, and feeds on the word. Then the word will become part of you, just as natural food becomes a part of your physical body when you eat it, the inward you, the real you, will built confidence and assurance in the word.

You have to put you full trust in the lord to supply all that you need because He is you source. Philippians 4:19 “But my God shall supply all my need according to your riches in gory by Christ Jesus.”

How to receive Faith

Romans 10:17 “so then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

I like to say it like this “that it comes by hearing and hearing and hearing,” because the more you hear the more you grow. Let look at Abraham the father of faith.

Romans 4:3 & Galatians 3:6 say “that Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

Romans 4:21 “and being fully persuaded that, what he had promise, he was able also to perform.”

Galatians 3:7 “know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.”

Abraham believe started back when he was in the house of his father, and he hear the voice of God telling him to leave his father house and his father land and go to the place that He would show him. He got up and moved on the voice, and the course of his life was change. God saw that he could trust Abraham and promise him a son.

Just like Abraham had the faith to believe for his natural seed and he consider not his old age and receive his promise, we have to have the same kind of faith. Moses had the word of God to cross the Red Sea. Joshua has the word of God for the city of Jericho. We need the same faith for what we need. What was the key or formula that Abraham used?

First, Abraham had the Word of God.

Second, Abraham believed the Word of God.

Third, Abraham considered not the contradictory circumstances.

Fourth, Abraham gave praise to God.

Follow these four steps and you'll always get through to God.

- A. Obedience; once you have heard the voice of God, do not allow anything to stop you from obeying. (Gen. 45:18 , 1 Sam.15:22 , 1 John 3:22)

- B. Believe you receive; “ask and it shall be given you” believed you have received without waiting to see or feel something in the natural. (Matt. 7:7, Mark 11:24, John 14:13-14)

- C. Persevere in your belief; hold fast to your confidence that has great recompense of reward and have need of patience, that after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. (Heb. 10:35, 36, 1 John 5;14) Don't draw back and give up, the Lord will fine pleasure in you.
- D. (Heb.10:38)

- E. Praise God for all he has done; “everything with thanksgiving let your requests be made known.” (Phil.4:6, 7) giving thanks for all you have from God and you will see all your promises come to pass.

Faith makes us rest in the Lord.

Faith makes us more than conquerors.

Faith opens our eyes to God's faithfulness.

Faith looks at the word rather than the symptoms.

Faith brings about the answer to our prayers.

Romans 12:3 God gives every man the measure of FAITH

To be saved it takes faith.

To be healed it takes faith.

To receive from God it takes faith.

As we hear the word, live the word, faith is built and hearing demands action in order to get God given results.

The word is to the believer what water is to the faucet, the source of supply

WEEK FOUR – PART 2: KINDS OF FAITH

Gal. 3:7 & 14 (Abraham's faith) "this is the kind of faith that God has put in every man." As Abraham believed God and received his reward. We are now the children of Abraham and heirs according to the promise. We can see how you are in chapter 3 & 4 of Gal.

God faith – Mark 11:22

Great faith - Matt. 8:10: 15:28

Saving faith – Eph. 2:8

Healing faith – Mark 10:52

Mustard Seed faith – Matt. 17:20

Overcoming faith – 1 John 5:4

Justifying faith – Romans 5:1

Shipwreck faith – 1 Tim. 1:19

John 20:24-29 (Thomas's faith), in this passage we see that he would not believe until he saw with his own eyes. It was not until that Jesus was in front of him that he called Jesus his Lord and his God. Thomas's faith was based upon the physical evidence. He was believing what he could see, not what God said.

To base one's faith on the physical evidence is to believe only from the natural standpoint to believe with the outward man. The trouble with a lot of folks is that they want the manifestation on the outside of them before they will believe on the inside. They believe what the outward man, their physical body; tell them rather than what God's word says. Luke 6:38b "for with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measure to you."

Your faith can unlock the door to all that God has for you. If your kind of faith is the kind that Abraham had then it will work for you like it did for him and you're having the same results. God performs the miracles, but you supplied the kind of faith that results in the miracles.

WEEK FIVE: THE FRUIT OF FAITH AND THE GIFT OF FAITH

THE FRUIT OF FAITH

Gal. 5:22-23; the nine fruit of the spirit are listed here and faith is one of them.

It means to be:

1. trustworthy
2. dedicated
3. loyal
4. dependable
5. faithful

The fruit of faith is not one of the nine gifts of the spirit.

The fruit of faith is our part toward God. It should be at work in the lives of those who are believers.

Luke 16:10-12 says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who will give you that which is your own?"

Faithfulness is grown like any other fruit and according to John 15 should be cultivated like we cultivate fruit trees so they will produce.

In growing fruit there is time of pruning during which one cuts off the dead branches that don't produce.

So it is with lives of Christians. The testing and trials are the times of pruning; God cutting away the old man and his nature so that the branches may grow and produce.

The Word of God tells us that we are to be faithful with the things that are least...the little things. We are to be faithful in money matters, tithes, offerings, sacrifices. If God sees us faithful in these matters, then He will bless us in the time of riches.

We should be faithful in that which is another man's. Time on the job or time at church. If you drag in late any time you like at the job, you would be fired. Some people come to the house of God late nearly all the time and don't even care, that is lack of faithfulness caused by lack of dedication.

These types of people may do their own thing, but will never grown in fruit of faith.

The fruit faith will cause you to be trustworthy and let me repeat, faithful!

One should be faithful to pray for the church and not criticize or talk about it. Those guilty of the above usually want to be in the forefront and do their thing, and what they usually do is in the flesh.

As you are faithful to pray, study the Word and wait on God, you will find yourself making great spiritual strides and the gifts will start to come into operation even as your fruit develops.

Matt 25:21 tells us: “His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord”.

Examples of those who were faithful

1. Daniel was faithful to God. “Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion or fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Daniel 6:4

2. David was faithful among all the servants. “Then Abimelech answered the king, and said, and who is faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king’s son in law, and goeth at thy bidding and is honorable in thine house?”

3. Moses was faithful in all his house. “And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken of “. Hebrews 3:5

4. God is faithful in all things. “Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will be it.

I Thess 5:24

5. Jesus is a faithful high priest. “Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like into His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.” Hebrews 2:17

THE GIFT OF FAITH

1Corn. 12:9; Faith is one the nine gift of the Holy Spirit, one of the power gifts. The gift of faith is supernatural; what is uttered by man or God comes to pass without fail; this type of faith is overwhelming. In time past this faith has been in action for all of the following needs:

- A. Protection from the enemies – 2 Kings 6:13 – 17
- B. Divine intervention – 2 Kings 19:17 – 37, Acts 5:17 – 33
- C. Preservation from beast – Psa. 91:13, Heb. 11:33
- D. Holding back rain 3 years – James 5:17
- E. Sustenance in famine – 2 Kings 7:1 – 20
- F. Supernatural victory in the fight – Joshua 6: 1 – 7, 20
- G. Raising the dead – Heb. 11:35
- H. Casting out evil spirit – Acts 19:12
- I. Provision – 1 Kings 17: 13 – 16
- J. Healing – Matt. 9:27 – 30

WEEK SIX: HOW TO GROW FAITH **WHAT HINDERS YOUR FAITH?**

The four steps for growing faith:

1. By meditating in the Word – Get to know God intimately – Joshua 1:8
2. By practicing the Word – Read God’s Word constantly – James 1:22
3. By giving the Word first place – Constantly put God’s promises into action – Prov. 4:20
4. By instantly obeying the voice of your spirit – Express your faith in your prayers- II Corn. 5:17

2 Thess. 1:3

1 Corn. 10:13

Lk. 4:4

Mk. 11:22

Rom. 1:17

1Tim. 6:12

Jude 20

I John 5:4

I Peter 1:7

Hindrances to your faith:

1. Lack of knowledge of the word of God
2. Lack of understanding of the word of God
3. Sense of unworthiness
4. Sense of lack of faith
5. Wavering - James 1:6-7
6. Sin – Ps. 66:18, John 5:14b
7. Doubt – Mark 11:23
8. Unbelief – Jesus could not do mighty works in Nazareth because of their unbelief Matt. 13:58. The disciples could not cast out the epileptic spirit. – Matt. 17:20. Unbelief may hinder your faith, but it will not change the faithfulness of God. You many miss the blessing because of your unbelief, but that will not alter any God’s ability of effectiveness. Rom. 3:3, Heb. 3:19

The cure to this problem is the prayer of faith. - James 5:15, Eph. 4:24, 2 Corn. 5:21

WEEK SEVEN: HAVING THE FAITH OF GOD & POSSESSING FAITH

THE FAITH OF GOD

Mark 11:22 (Read scripture)

Heb.11:6 (Read scripture)

Four things God's faith produces:

1. The faith of God is creative: Gen 1:1, Mal. 2:10, Col. 1:16

God spoke the worlds into existence by the Word of His power. He spoke creative words of faith, and as a result made everything both visible and invisible.

2. The faith of God is productive: Ex. 16:35, John 2:10

Time after time God produced quail and water for Israel while they were on their way to the land of promise.

Jesus attended a marriage feast at Cana.

3. The faith of God is powerful: Joshua 6:1-5, Joshua 6:20, I Sam. 17:34-35

God's power has eliminated armies, cities, Satan, and demons because God's faith is powerful.

In another instance, God's power moved upon a shepherd, and he killed a lion and a bear with bare hands.

4. The faith of God is protective: Dan. 3:17, Dan. 3:24-25, Dan. 6:22

They were delivered because they had faith in God's protective power.

Jesus had faith and was protected from wild beasts while in prayer and fasting.

POSSESSING FAITH

Rom. 10:8-11 (read)

Confession based upon the foundation of God's Word will bring about the fulfillment of His promises.

You cannot confess what you do not know. You can only confess what you know about Jesus and what you are in Him.

Confessing the Word will assure successful results.

We never rise above our confession. Ten of the twelve spies who went to spy out the land of Canaan brought back a negative report. Num. 13:32-33.

They got their eyes on the giants instead of the Word of Lord.

Ps. 34:10b – As you confess His Word, He will answer you.

Rom. 4:3

Rom. 14:23

FOUR STEPS TO POSSESSING FAITH

Mark 5:27 – 33 (read)

1. Say it.
2. Do it.
3. Receive it
4. Tell it.

GOD SAYS THAT FAITH, NOT HOPE BRINGS THE VICTORY.

II Cor. 10:3-5

Real Faith Casts Down Reasoning

Reasoning will always try to exalt itself over and above the Word of God. But real faith will always cast down vain imagination. (the little voice that says it won't be done; the prayer will not be answered, etc.) and will believe what the Word says.

Remember, the Word is "Thus saith the Lord." It is God speaking and as such cannot fail or lie, or else it would be God lying and failing.

WEEK EIGHT: YOUR FAITH AND TRIALS

Your faith will tested

Matt.7:7 – 8 says, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be open unto you, for every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.” And you can’t get more positive than shall.

From the asking to the receiving, there is a waiting period. This period is called the (a) patient, (b) waiting, or (c) the trial of your faith period.

During this period, whether or not God will answer your prayer is determined by the way you talk. Remember, your tongue will either snare you (captivate) you, or free you. The way you talk during the patient, waiting, or trial period is important.

Most people tell you about their great experiences and answers to prayer but never fill you in on the trials they went through.

In order for faith to reach maturity and 100% on God, it has to be tested.
The man who invented the light bulb only succeeded after failing hundreds of times.

James 1:3 says, “The trying (testing) of your faith worketh patience.”

Romans 5:3b says, “Tribulation worketh patience”

1 Peter 1:7 says, “That the trial of your faith is more precious than gold.” During the testing period faith becomes pure; doubt and unbelief are removed.
Remember that tried faith is not defeated faith but rather the education and perfection of your faith.

Abraham had his faith tried. – Rom. 4:18-21

Moses had his faith tried. – Exodus 12:15

The three Hebrew children had their faith tried in the furnace. – Dan. 3:15-28

Daniel had his faith tried in the lion’s den. – Dan. 6:19-22

Many want to “see” before they will confess with their mouths or believe what God has declared about their sickness and diseases. Those people rarely “see” because faith is not needed after they “see” the works of God; it will then be facts. Faith has to be exercised

before we can see or feel any change in our conditions; for “we walk by faith, and not by sight.” 2 Cor. 5:7

Faith is a willingness to believe that God will certainly do what He says He will do. If we doubt God’s Word, then we are declaring that there is something more powerful than God.

We are saved and healed or lost and destroyed by what we testify. Prov. 4:20-22, Matt. 12”34. We are instructed to keep our minds, ears, eyes and heart occupied with God’s promise alone. We exclude fear, unbelief and failure. When we have faith in God, fear goes out for fear is of Satan. Fear injects poison into the blood and weakens our physical body.

God never leads anyone to be afraid that He will not keep His promises, for the Spirit of God inspires us to believe every Word of God. The Holy Spirit urges us to claim every promise in the Book and to act accordingly. We shall receive everything we ask for with right motives for the glory of God.

To learn how to exercise faith and to believe God hears and answers prayer when we pray is much greater a blessing than the healing itself, because we then know we can pray the prayer of faith ten thousand times for ourselves and for others. Our whole lives will be spent in the wonderful joy of seeing God answer our prayers and fulfill His promises.

Cast down vain imaginations and captivate your thoughts.

2 Cor. 10:5 (read)

Usually when people are trusting God to work on their behalf, all kinds of imagination go through their minds.

In most cases, it’s not imagination that will edify, but the kind that tends to tear down faith, and rob of the blessing of God, that’s vain imagination.

It’s exalting itself above what the knowledge you have of what the Word says. It’s against the knowledge of God that you have experienced. It is not worth dwelling on. It will rob you of the blessings of God and captivate your thoughts.

What if God doesn’t do it? What if He doesn’t come through? What if He doesn’t answer your prayer? What if He does?

Start praising God for what He is doing for you.

I John 5:14-15 (read)

Hold fast your confidence and start praising God.

Remember, praise is the language of faith.

What is left to do after you have asked and had faith to receive? Or what do you do while waiting?...have a praise meeting. If things look bad, have a praise meeting. Remember, it’s what the Word says, not the circumstances.

1. Joshua at Jericho had a praise meeting
2. Jehoshaphat had a praise meeting
3. Jesus at Lazarus's tomb had a praise meeting

WEEK NINE: WORKING FAITH

James 2:17-26 (read)

James 5:14-16 (read)

Heb. 11:1 – Now faith is the substance.

Heb. 11:6 This is the working faith that God is looking for.

But every man has some kind of faith, so faith is not a strange thing, for by faith alone can man act.

To seek or ask for faith is not correct. We already possess faith, but we need to put our faith into action and operation.

Life is 99% God giving and 1% faith taking. God provides as faith takes and uses. In salvation it is the faith of a free person, believing, receiving and opening his life to the control of Jesus Christ, who died to save him and to enable him to live and walk by faith.

Faith for healing is exactly the same as faith for salvation. The Bible teaches that a sinner is to believe that he is saved, and encouraged to confess with his mouth (Rom. 10:8-9) on the basis of God's promise alone, even before he feels the joy and peace of salvation. The joy will come even as he confesses, if only he will believe on the authority of God's Word, and claim salvation by faith. This is faith. This is God's way to save the lost, and it is God's way to heal the sick also.

Since God is anxious to save sinners. He will save them because Jesus Christ has died to save them. He will also heal the sick because Jesus Christ has died to heal them. 1 Peter 2:24

Genuine faith means you are so certain that God will fulfill His promises that you believe them even in spite of contrary evidence. 2 Cor. 10:3-5

Know your Bible. Then when Satan comes, you can resist Him as Jesus Christ dealt with him (Matt. 4:4-11) by stating "It is written". Jesus Christ used the written Word to overcome Satan, and we should do the same.

HOPE is not faith. To "hope" or "wish" God would do something is not faith, because it is not based upon God's Word. Faith knows what God has promised and acts accordingly. Mark 11:24

PITY is not faith. Though God is full of compassion and pity, we do not receive until we believe and act. God wants all to be saved; but until all act in faith, they will not be saved. So in healing, God's hands are tied until our faith is put into operation.

GOD promises in His Word what He can and will do for everyone who believes and acts on that belief

WORKING FAITH CONFESSIONS

You can do all things through Christ – Phil. 4:13

You are more than a conqueror – Rom. 8:37

You are an overcomer – 1 John 5:4

You are a joint-heir – Rom. 8:17

You are free from worry – 1 Peter 5:7

You are not given a spirit of fear – 1 John 4:18

You are a new creation – 2 Cor. 5:17

FAITH VS DOUBT

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever.” Heb. 13:8

Faith

Faith heals the sick.

Faith brings the blessing of God.

Faith saves

By faith we receive all good things.

Doubt

Doubt never makes anyone strong.

Doubt breeds sin and failure.

Doubt destroys.

By doubt we lose everything.

Doubting faith: lack of knowledge brings disobedience Heb. 4:6

Three reasons why doubt grows:

1. Sin – Ps. 66:18, John 5:14
2. Doubt – Mark 11:23
3. Unbelief – Jesus could not do many works in Nazareth because of their unbelief. Matt. 13:58.

The disciples could not cast out the epileptic spirit. Jesus said it was because of their unbelief. Matt. 17:20

Unbelief may hinder your faith, but it will not change the faithfulness of God. You may miss the blessing because of your unbelief, but that will not alter any of God's ability or effectiveness. Rom. 3:3

Unbelief will keep people from entering into any promise of God. Heb. 3:19

WEEK TEN: - MEASURABLE FAITH

Six important points:

1. Have the faith of God. – Mark 11:22-26

Every believer has a measure of the God kind of faith. The God kind of faith is the kind of faith in which a person believes in his heart and then he says with his mouth what he believes in his heart. God used it to create the world in the beginning. Everything we see was spoken into existence, except man. The ungodly man has NO faith.

Believers – Rom. 12:3

Not believers – II Thess. 3:2

2. Measurable faith – II Thess. 1:3

Since faith can grow, then it can be great or small or more or less.

Great faith - Matt. 8:5

Weak faith – Romans 4:19

Dead faith – James 2:17

Tired faith – 1 Peter 1:17

Little faith - Luke 12:28, Matt. 6:30, 14:22-31

Strong faith – Romans 4:20

Full faith – Acts 6:5

Rich in faith – James 2:5

Faith made perfect – James 2:22

Unfeigned faith – I Tim. 1:5

3. Heart faith – Rom. 10:10

“with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”

Real Bible faith or scriptural faith comes from the heart NOT the head. The heart of the man, or the human spirit, is not the physical heart that pumps blood throughout your body and keeps you alive. I Peter 3:4, II Cor. 4:16

The inward man is not a corruptible, decaying or perishing man but is being renewed day by day by the spirit of God.

4. Forgive and keep a good report. – Mark 11:26, II Cor. 2:10

Faith will not work when there is an air of unforgiveness about you. Your prayers won't work. Of all the statements Jesus made about faith, unforgiveness is the only hindrance Jesus ever mentioned. Therefore it must be of primary importance. This would be the first place to look if our prayers and faith are not working.

5. Faith must be released.

Faith must be released through your mouth.

“he shall have whatsoever he saith.” – Mark 11:23

“you are snared by the words of your mouth.” Prov. 6:2

“you are justified and condemned by your mouth”. – Matt. 12:34-37

6. Faith for others. – Mark 11:24

Sometimes, but not always, you can make your faith work for someone else. You are not going to be able to push your desires off on somebody else. You have to find out where they are at and have the two of you agree together. Amos 3:3 “how can two walk together, except they agree? Matt. 18:19 says, “if two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven”. You and the other person must be in total agreement.

WEEK ELEVEN: SEED FAITH

Three Key Principles of Seed Faith.

1. God is your source – Phil. 4:19
2. Give that is may be given to you – Luke 6:38
3. Except a miracle – Luke 11:9, I Cor. 3:6

Prov. 10:22

Prov. 18:16

Luke 6:38

II Cor. 9:6-7

When you believe God for your financial seed to grow, it has to agree with the Word of God. This is not a rich scheme, it is the Word of God put into action. The law of sowing and reaping was one that Jesus spoke about because it shows the condition of the heart. Jesus said that “where your heart is there will your treasure be also. Matt. 6:19-24

WEEK TWELVE: BLESSING FAITH

Once you have put the three principles of seed faith into action in your life. Now you can start the blessing faith factor.

A rejected opportunity to give is a lost opportunity to receive. II Cor. 9:10

Heb. 11:1 “now faith is the substance (assurance) of things hope for and the evidence (conviction) of things not seen”.

Remember that faith is not hope and that hope is always future.

II Cor. 1:20 – “for all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him amen, unto the glory of God by us.”

FOR IN CHRIST WE ARE

Saved – Eph. 2:5

Redeemed – Titus 2:14

Chosen – Eph. 1:14

Resurrected – Eph. 2:6

Blessed with every spiritual blessing – Eph. 1:3

Forgiven – Eph. 4:32

Holy – Heb. 3:1

Sanctified – I Cor. 6:11

New Creation – II Cor. 5:17

Lights – Matt. 5:14

Complete – Col. 2:9

Sons of God – Gal. 4:7

Heirs of God – Gal 4:7

Healed – I Peter 2:24

Joint Heirs with Christ – Rom. 8:17

Eternal – I John 5:13

Overcomers – Rev. 12:11

The Righteousness of God – II Cor. 5:21

Citizens of Heaven – Phil. 3:20

Perfect – Heb. 10:14

Cleansed from all unrighteousness – I John 1:9

Partakers of His Divine Nature – II Peter 1:4

His Brethren – Heb. 2:11

Living Stones – I Peter 2:5

A Chosen Race – I Peter 2:21

A Royal Priesthood – I Peter 2:21

Heirs of the Kingdom – James 2:5

His Body – Col. 1:24

Most than Conquerors – Rom. 8:37

The Temple of God – I Cor. 3:6

His House – Heb. 3:6

Free from the Law of Sin and Death – Rom. 8:2

Rich in Faith – James 2:5

