



What is Faith?

The entrance of His Word gives faith to the simple—the humble, those agreeing with the Word of God. This is not false humility, but adjusting your life to the will of God. There is no challenge in your life that will not bow to your faith in God. Jesus said, “Let it be according to your faith” and rebuked His disciples because they were “of little faith” but what is faith? Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Things hoped for implying thing you are looking forward to, that you do not have now. Some hope is eternal as for the next life; some hopes are for a few days or weeks. Hope doesn't guarantee it will happen. The next key word is **substance**. This connotes tangibility, something you can hold on to in lieu of the thing you hope for. It gives you the assurance that you will have that thing. This is faith. Abram asked God, “How will I know?” Then God gave him assurance by asking for a sacrifice, something specific representing the pact. Abram's faith was strengthened by agreement, giving the **evidence** of things not seen.

The evidence is as the proof at hand. Such as a contract, an affidavit, a title deed so that when I begin to doubt I can bring it out and know that I have it. The promises of God are yea and amen in Christ Jesus, so the dimension of the sacrifice came. This was a pact through the blood of Jesus Christ. God cannot lie, but to seal our conviction He offered His Son. He allowed His son to be killed and shed His blood as the guarantee.

All things (Romans 8:32) He freely gave His Son as the seal of our faith. This is our proof. The evidence and the substance and an assurance of our faith that He will do what He says, and His promises will come to pass.

Your faith gives shape to the things that exist in the unseen. The worlds were formed by the Word of God. (v. 3). The raw material came from the realm of the unseen.

Tap into it. Electricity is available to power your appliances, but you must hit the switch. Your faith is the action you take to hit the switch. Jesus settled the case of Peter ahead of time, and told him “When you are restored, help your brothers.” Christ has settled your case. He is a provident God. He sees the end from the beginning. He is the Alpha and the Omega, and everything in between. In between your hope and your manifestation, tap into the providential grace of God. (Romans 8:24).

The manifestation stops the hope. Until then, it takes faith. The manifestation takes more than prayer alone. If anything is going to happen, it takes action in response to the Word. Faith births prayer, but after you pray, faith must continue. Nothing becomes if there is no faith. God had to believe in Himself when He stood on nothing and created the universe from nothing.

Obtain a good testimony. Some folks' life was wasted as if they never showed up because they lacked faith. You can't live a fulfilling life without faith. It takes faith to sit



on a chair. Everything we do or say is by faith. You have to believe that the air you breathe will sustain you. The account of your life is a summary of the faith you have exercised. You are a product of your faith walk with God so far.

Be bold. Let your mind picture big things. It takes faith to maintain your ground, so don't give up quickly or easily. Faith is not giving mental assent or agreement. It is not about whether it sounds good or bad, it is the truth and it does not require your approval. Faith is spiritual and flows from the conviction in your heart regardless of circumstances. You may know how to rob a bank, but will not do it because your heart is against it. Your mind works differently from your heart. Your heart only listens to the things of the spirit. Your conscience is like a policeman, but it can be seared or wounded.

Watch your words. You need your heart to exercise your faith. You must load your heart with the things of God for faith is the only guarantee you have to overcome the challenges of life. Victory comes from faith, and we overcome by the blood and the word of our testimony. It depends on how willing you are to exercise your faith because your victory has already been sealed for you in Christ Jesus.

Be of good cheer. Rejoice and celebrate. Make it personal. **Whatsoever/whosoever** is born of God overcomes. 1 Jn 5:4. Look unto Jesus, the Author of your faith. He is the Initiator and the Perfecter of your faith. It was not Abram's idea to get up and leave and go. There is a place, a plan, a program, a land for you to possess, and it was God who began it. He causes us to will and to do of His good pleasure. He put that desire in your heart. You are not here by yourself. He will perfect it, only keep looking unto Him. No man came to this world without God knowing about it. Anyone born is born of God.

It comes by hearing. By His Word, He initiates faith in us. We have nothing to believe except that He said so. What is He initiating in your life? What He starts He finishes. Ask, "Is this my own doing, or did God initiate it?" If it is God, everything contrary will bow. No enemy can turn it upside down. Wisdom is to take the Word of God, believe it, and run with it.

His integrity. Everything God initiates if backed up by His integrity. He has never failed, and He will not fail you. Psalm 89:34; Hebrews 10:23. Keep confessing. Keep holding on to it. When Jesus said, "This comes out only by prayer and fasting" He was not talking about the unclean spirit, He was talking about doubt. Prayer and fasting builds your faith so you can deal with the demon of doubt. Doubt feeds your fear. It ties God up so He can't help us. We cannot afford to doubt our God. Faith is easy. Seal it with the blood of the Lamb and stand.