

## ACTIVE FAITH

Faith is an amazing thing to walk in.  
God wants us to be faith filled people

We should accumulate faith  
Jesus talked a lot about faith

**HEBREWS 11:6 (Amp) But without faith, it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him for whoever would come near to God must (necessarily) believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him (out)**

Our faith must grow to really be effective

To move in healing, miracles, signs and wonders, we all must rise above mediocrity there must be a holy frustration that there is more to life than going and hearing a Sunday message

Notice it says in this scripture that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Let's look at faith...

**ROMANS 10:17 consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ**

- Faith grows out of the Word of God. Faith comes from hearing the message
- Faith says: God is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid
- Hope says: I will get it sometime
- Faith says: I have it now

Mental Assessment or Sense Knowledge says: It is beautiful, I know I should have it, for some reason I don't get it. I don't understand

Too many people move in Head Knowledge or Sense Knowledge

They agree that the bible is revelation, that it comes from God and that every word is true and yet when a crisis comes, it does not work.

I recognize the truthfulness of that wonderful book, but don't act on it

These people do not live out of revelation. They live on milk and not meat.

There has to be a change of the wineskin for us to receive revelation which builds faith.

Sense Knowledge Faith says:

- When I see it
- Taste it.
- When I feel it
- I know I will have it

Real Faith in the Word says:

- If God says it is true, it is
- If He says by His stripes I am healed
- If He says I am rich, I am
- If He says I am blessed, I am
- If He says I am strong, I am

Real faith is built on the Word and taking the word and acting on it. Letting it become a part of you.

Faith is the result of the Word dwelling in us. Being a part of you

Faith depends on what you are standing on

**PSALM 40:2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand**

So there are 3 types of people here:

- The slimy pit
- The mud and the mire
- The ones who are one the Rock Of Jesus

Sense Knowledge will fight every step of the way to hold us in the realm of things, seen, felt and heard

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 So we fix our eyes, not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (amp)**

**<sup>18</sup>Since we consider *and* look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless *and* everlasting.**

- Circumstances are temporary
- Sickness is temporary
- Poverty is temporary
- So we should not consider and look at the things that are seen but we should fix our eyes on the things that are invisible as this is faith.

God minded people see eternally they don't major on negatives

Start to look through spiritual eyes. Jesus always talked and challenged faith and unbelief

He talked of the faith we need

## 1. Mustard Seed Faith

**MATTHEW 17:20 (Amp) He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith (that is, your lack of firmly relying trust). For truly I say to you, if you have faith (that is living) like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you**

Notice Jesus says to them the littleness of your faith which is a lack of firmly trusting in me, he says to us that our faith must be

- Living
- Even as small as a mustard seed
- You can speak to mountains
- And nothing will be impossible to you

People don't just start with great faith, it starts with a seed, it has to start somewhere.

## 2. He accused the disciples of having "No Faith"

**MARK 4:40** He said to His disciples, Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?

Jesus is asleep on the boat, and a great storm comes up and he says where is your faith?

- What are we like when the storms come?
- What are we like when we are being swamped by:
  - Bills
  - Nothing seems to go right
  - Talked about
  - Sick

What are we like when someone is sick and needs healing?

Jesus told these guys to cross over. He was in the boat

He won't let you fail. The Lord is our shepherd, you won't be in want which actually means you will not fail.

We must remember, if God started a good work in you, He will finish it

## 3. Little Faith

**MATTHEW 14:31** Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. You of little faith, He said, Why did you doubt?

Just imagine this – Peter gets out of the boat – His moment of real faith

It's the same when healing the sick

1. You are to believe, not doubt
2. Don't look at the sickness
3. Don't look at that person's faith
4. Our job is to keep our eyes on Jesus
5. And to turn their eyes to Jesus

Need to keep people focused on Jesus and not the storms around them so they will not waiver.  
Too many people restrict God through doubting and what comes out of their mouth.

To doubt:      Is to have a feeling of uncertainty  
                    Undecided frame of mind  
                    Inclination to disbelieve

Faith is not based on our ability, but availability

That is why the Word says in

**1.CORINTHIANS 1:27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to confound the wise...**

## **4. Great Faith**

**MATTHEW 15:28 Then Jesus answered, Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted. And her daughter was healed from that very hour**

**(amp)**

**<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus answered her, O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you wish. And her daughter was cured from that [\[a\]](#) moment.**

- Great faith is persistent
- Desperate
- Doesn't take no for answer
- Unwavering
- Is not swayed by others' opinions even though she was called a dog, this woman actually put it back on Jesus and said even the dogs eat the crumbs
- So if you have just a crumb of faith, Jesus says this is great faith.

So if we say that we don't have enough faith for this or that.

We can say that we don't have the big explosive ministry, or big explosive miracles in our lives, but you may have just what it takes a portion of faith for a breakthrough and the answer what you need.

The crumb has the same ingredients as the loaf, so instead of looking for the big thing, look for the crumb

Great faith cannot fail. It touches God's heart

**In MARK 5:34 He said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering**

The woman with the issue of blood who had

- Many bad reports from doctors,
- people around her,
- She wasn't even supposed to be on the streets,
- this woman was desperate for a healing,
- she would have been in distress
- pain
- Torment
- But something stirred inside her which should stir in each and every one of us

She pushed

- In through unbelief
- she pushed through the crowd
- she pushed through alienation
- Rejection
- fear

Nothing was going to stop her sometimes we need to just push and the miracle is there

Many times when people come for healing and there in pain if you get them to just move the healing takes place just push beyond the pain and see the healing

She did not just touch Jesus – she put a DEMAND on Him

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## **5. Determination**

Blind Bartimaeus could have given in, but no!

**In MARK 10:48 many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more....**

- Faith challenges – Bartimaeus's faith was challenged. His friends and onlookers would have thought, He's not interested in you

Many of the challenges of our faith come from those closest to us.

DON'T ALLOW OTHERS TO STOP YOUR FAITH DON'T ALLOW PEOPLE TO STOP YOU STEPPING OUT

Bartimaeus determination and persistence by continually crying out, touched the heart of Jesus and Jesus said bring him to me.

Even Jesus challenged him

MARK 10:51 What do you want me to do for you? Jesus asked him

Bartimeaus could have been put off by both of these challenges

But no! He had something stirring inside of him. It was faith

Bartimeaus was specific. He told Jesus what he wanted. He said "I want to see". And Jesus said 'go your faith has healed you"

*Quote: You are not going to get God to heal you through cheap faith or lazy faith or nonchalant faith*

Faith brings the expectation or the fulfillment of God's promises

Get out on the edge

It costs nothing. What have you got to lose?

Smith Wigglesworth says, Faith moves first, then God moves in answer to faith

This sums up Great Faith really well  
BARTIMAUS RECEIVED HIS HEALING

*A quote from Ed Dufresne: People with faith will believe God will do something for them, even if they have never seen God do it for anyone else*

Which gets us away from Sense Knowledge

WHICH MAKES US STAND ON HIS WORD NO MATTER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SAY WE LEARN TO STAND IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We ALL have a measure of faith

**ROMANS 12:3 For by the grace given to me, I say to everyone of you, do not think yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you**

- Our faith must be alive
- Living faith – use what God has given you
- It is not dead.
- It is not yesterdays.
- It is for TODAY!

## 6. Living Faith

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:5 (Amp) So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God**

By having Living Faith in God:

- The crooked are made straight
- The lame leap for joy
- The blind are made free

Faith has the power of access.

You have as much right to be in the presence of God Almighty as Jesus has

**2.CORINTHIANS 5:21 God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God**

People's lack of righteousness and understanding of who they are with the Father is one of the biggest restrictions they have in their faith because people are feeling condemned, unworthy, but when you come into a revelation of the Kingdom of God is in you, and all you need he has bestowed upon you, you will step out in faith and see great things happen because it's not based on how I feel, but what He's doing in me.

**JAMES 2:14 What good is it my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?**

**JAMES 2:17 in the same way, if faith by itself is not accompanied by action, it is dead**

Living Faith is like Jesus.

- Holy in action
- daring to believe
- resting assured and
- seeing the mighty power of God manifest

## 7. Now Faith – Faith for Now

Faith to believe God for now – God is for now

God is a God of the living

THIS IS THE DAY OF SALVATION LEARN TO BE LED BY THAT VOICE OF THE SPIRIT

Let's look at Mary concerning her brother Lazarus

JOHN 11:32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died

She says IF. There are no IF'S in faith. It's YES

Mary shows faith for yesterday. She can't see God to meet her need now

No faith in Jesus for her brothers healing NOW

JOHN 11:23 Jesus said to her, your brother will rise again

Now Martha shows her faith in v24 - I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day

She says, I will suffer now but it will be better in heaven

How many people live in this realm thinking they have to suffer to please God or God made them sick to teach them something,

God wants us to be blessed NOW,

To live victorious lives NOW

He wants us to worship him NOW

The kingdom of heaven is in us NOW

We got to get away from yesterdays and tomorrows and live in the NOW

She has faith for the future but a religious attitude towards now, today

Both Mary and Martha had no faith for NOW

JOHN 11:40 Then Jesus said, Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?

Jesus put it back to them. Only believe for now

ONLY TRUST MY WORD then proceeded to show the the glory of GOD

## 8. Accumulative Faith

We accumulate many things as Christians:

- Books
- Tapes
- Bad Habits
- Knowledge

One thing to accumulate is Faith

To accumulate it - to gather together in increasing quantity

To accumulate is to build on always knowing, God can pull you through

- He saved you



- He baptized YOU in the Holy Spirit
- He supplies all your needs

PSALM 78:19-20 They spoke against God saying, Can God spread a table in the desert? When He struck the rock, water gushed out and streams flowed abundantly. But can He supply meat for His people?

These Israelites are here in the wilderness doubting whether god could supply

To doubt is to be:

- Uncertain
- Question existence
- Distrust
- Suspicious of someone

PSALM 78:11 They forgot what He had done, the wonders He had shown them

David shows us his way of stirring up faith

#### 9. The Key to Accumulate Faith

Psalm 103:2-3 Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits – Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases

1. Praise Him. Worshipping God stirs faith
2. Forget not. Remember what God has done, no matter how small. Give Him praise
3. Be thankful
4. Don't take things for granted.
5. Always honor God

These will help us accumulate faith. Build faith

They will also help you to hold on to what god has given you whether a healing or blessing

Live a life of expectancy

Accumulation differs extremely. Some leave each experience behind them and carry on with nothing but the barren recollection of it

But to others, life is forever accumulating every passing event

You don't just become a great faith person. It is accumulated

Faith is:

- Strong belief
- Complete confidence
- Complete trust

Even though God had done much for them:

- Lead them out of captivity
- Parted the Red Sea
- Water out of the rock

Still their response was, But can He supply meat?

The people are truly in unbelief

These people do not deny the past miracle

They even acknowledge that God had done the miracle eg: Water out of the rock

But unbelief finds no revelation of God in the miracle eg: Just like a person being healed and not going on with Jesus

They have no revelation of the character and love of God

He is just someone who meets a want

THEY ONLY KNEW THE DEEDS OF GOD MOSES GOT KNOW THE WAYS OF GOD

They have no assurance that God will do it again

They have no Accumulative Faith

Quote from Kenyon: Faith is acting in the face of contrary evidence. The senses declare it cannot be, but faith shouts above the turmoil, IT IS!

You can only act on what is in you

What you have accumulated

WHAT HAVE YOU BUILT IN YOUR SPIRIT

A great example of accumulative faith is Rahab. What a woman of faith

This woman is a prostitute. An enemy of God

But God is about to use her. Two spies are sent in

Listen to her response

JOSHUA 2:8-11 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, I know that the Lord has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you



We can all reach higher and be more effective

This is what Jesus thinks of you in faith

JOHN 20:29 Then Jesus told him, Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed

We are blessed. Act on faith

## ACTIVE FAITH.....10

Get someone saved, healed, set free. You can do it!

Step out and let God get a hold of you

Quote from Jack Coe: Fear cannot stay in the same house with Jesus Christ

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline

### 10. Hindrances to Faith

#### 1. Hope

Hope is always in the future. I hope that I will be healed

Faith is present tense, now

Hope is always future. It is a hindrance to faith

We have a hope in heaven. When we reach heaven, we shall hope no longer

#### 2. Mental Assent

Mental assent claims the whole bible to be true, but they never act on it

#### 3. Sense Knowledge

JOHN 20:29 Then Jesus told him, Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen Me and yet have believed

The Jews asked, What sign will you give us that we may believe?

Believing is willing to do His will

#### 4. Confession

Faith never rises above confession

If we confess weakness and failure and sickness, we destroy faith

#### 5. Lack of Understanding

Many people do not know they have eternal life. They only think they have been saved from sin

Lack of understanding of our legal right to use the Name of Jesus

**ACTIVE FAITH .....11**

Real faith is child like knowledge of the Word

Our faith is measured by our confession

Sooner or later you become what you confess

Jesus always confessed what He was

He said:        I am the Good Shepherd  
                  I am the Bread of Life  
                  I am the Resurrection  
                  I am the Light  
                  I am the Son  
                  I am the Vine  
                  I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

So let's act in faith

Accumulate faith

Confess positively

Acknowledge God and His goodness

ROMANS 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us



To order

## THE FAITH OF GOD.....2

As God speaks, so can we

It's not faith in God – it's the faith of God – knowing God

Jesus in us, through us

Authority and anointing are no use unless activated by faith

LUKE 10:19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you

Speak it out, act on the word

DON'T BE LIKE THOMAS I WANT SEE FIRST

"I" have given you authority

It's ours

MARK 11:22-23 (Amp) And Jesus, replying, said to them, Have faith in God (constantly). Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! And does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him

This verse is really the faith of God

He says constantly

Say, Go! Don't doubt that it will happen, it will be done for us

The biggest blockage to faith is unforgiveness

OUR BRAIN GETS IN THE WAY

Keep your heart pure; don't knock things you know nothing about

That's why Hagar sat down to die – she had seen God move, but she had an offence

She was hurt, so she sat under a tree to die

GENESIS 21:15-16 When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down nearby, about a bowshot away, for she thought, I cannot watch the boy die. And as she sat there nearby, she began to sob

But look at Ishmael – he called out

He is the son of Abraham – he has the faith of God

He had seen Abraham walk and talk to God HE HUNG AROUND FAITH

### THE FAITH OF GOD.....3

EPHESIANS 5:1-2 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

Imitate what you read

What you hang around is what is in you

Wrong Confession

1 KINGS 17:12 As surely as the Lord your God lives, she replied, I don't have any bread – only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die

The woman acknowledged that God is alive

He exists

He is real

There is faith in all of us – it just needs to be activated

Look in 1 KINGS 17:9 Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food

God had her ready – He had placed a seed in her

There is a seed in you just waiting to be ignited

It is nearly harvest time in a drought

She's got the wrong confession

The only good thing going for her is that she knows of God

She declares, There is a God!

Then goes on to say: I don't have anything, just a little oil and flour



Just like us

That's all God wants – a little PUT YOUR LITTLE In the HANDS OF GOD

Her attitude is, I am going to die THAT IS A GOOD START I AM GOING TO DIE DIE TO SELF LET GOD LOOSE INSIDE YOU

## THE FAITH OF GOD.....4

But God is the God of the living

Elijah wants a cake first GOD HAS SENT HIM THERE NOT DIE BUT TO LIVE

He activates faith

He says, Don't be afraid

This is what God says: The flour and the oil won't run out

This woman rises up with faith in God; even her son is raised from the dead

Look at the faith and prophetic saying of Elkanah

1 SAMUEL 1:3-5 Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the Lord. Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb

He gave double

The Faith of God speaks  
The Faith of God lives in the promise  
The Faith of God honours him

JOHN 14:9-10 Jesus answered, Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, Show us the Father? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work

God has given everyone of us a mouth

We need to speak things into being

We have faith in God's existence

Faith in His creative power

Now I am His son

I am righteous

I have right standing with God because of Jesus Christ

## THE FAITH OF GOD.....5

I have the rights of a son

The right to speak not doubt

As Jesus spoke so do I

I am a God person

I have the faith of my Father

The I AM backs us – our words

The Faith of God

When we are under true authority

When we are in kingdom submission

ISAIAH 50:4 (Amp) (The Servant of God says) The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple (as one who is taught)

The Father taught Jesus:

How to speak -	How to speak
What to speak -	A word
When to speak	- In season
To whom to speak -	To him that is weary

This is clearly showing the Father and Son are One

The faith of God flowing through Jesus

And now flowing through us

GALATIANS 2:20 (King James) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me

Please say: It's not I but God!

## FAITH PLEASES GOD

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Faith makes me an overcomer

1 JOHN 5:4 For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith

Faith in Him overcomes

Faith - we all have a measure

Our hearts desire should be – Increase my faith, Lord

LUKE 18:8 I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?

Jesus did not say will He find: Gifts

Healing  
Miracles  
Good preachers

But will He find faith

Our walk is by faith

You can't please Him in unbelief

You can only please Him by faith

LUKE 5:17-26 One day as He was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick

Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus

When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus

When Jesus saw their faith, He said, Friend, your sins are forgiven

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?

## FAITH PLEASES GOD.....2

Which is easier: to say, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, Get up and walk?

But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins... He said to the paralyzed man, I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home

Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God

Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, We have seen remarkable things today

Let's look at this cripple, sick, no hope

He could not make it to the meeting

He just lazed around

He could do nothing about his condition

But he had some mates who had faith for him

Have you got faith for your friends?

This guy needed someone who cared for him

LUKE 5:17 Jesus teaching

We all need to come under good teaching

Faith comes from hearing - Teaching builds faith; expectancy

It says the power of God was present to heal

Let us all connect ourselves to sound teaching

Jesus always taught about His Father's Kingdom

Teaching releases power to heal

LUKE 5:18 Some men carrying a paralytic

These guys had heard

Faith stirred in their hearts

They thought of their mate

They put faith into action

### FAITH PLEASES GOD.....3

JAMES 2:18 But someone will say, You have faith; I have deeds. Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do

Put faith into action

Feet to faith

Prayers in overalls

Do something

Take a step of faith. Who knows what might happen!

LUKE 5:19 They could not get in the front door

These guys were not put off by what they could see

Faith never wavers

Faith stays focussed

Face the facts but turn to the promise

They saw beyond the obstacle

We will all come against obstacles. But look beyond them

God does not lie. His promises are yes and amen

These guys could have given up and gone home

How many do that when their miracle is just around the corner

Hold on. God will come through for you

LUKE 5:19 They went up on the roof

Faith does the unexpected

God will use the foolish to confound the wise

People full of faith, full of the spirit don't hold back

They scale mountains

The church is full of people still wondering what happened

And some make it happen

FAITH PLEASES GOD.....4

LUKE 5:19 They lowered him right in front of Jesus

Faith is bold

God did not give us a spirit of timidity

Faith is not respectable

Faith is not dressed in fine clothes

Faith can move mountains

Luke 5:20 When Jesus saw true faith, He said, Friend your sins are forgiven

Faith demands a response

They did not get what they wanted

They got what he needed

Come to Jesus and you get a response

LUKE 5:21 Faith holds on but religion judges

The religious stand to judge

Put down

Confuse

But serious faith overcomes

Faith holds on

They brought this guy to be healed

They are not giving in

LUKE 5:24 Faith conquers

Jesus says take up your mat

Faith always wins. It comes through

God does not lie. He honours faith not stupidity

The man receives his healing

FAITH PLEASES GOD.....5

LUKE 5:25 Faith is obedient to the spoken word

He responded to Jesus voice

Picked up his mat

Faith gets the harvest

The voice of authority

LUKE 5:26 Faith brings praise, excitement, stirs hearts, brings a freedom

Brings an acknowledgement of Jesus authority

So allow faith to stir in your heart today