

Faith in the Word of God

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Using faith in daily living

* We are doing this all of the time – sub-consciously.

Using our faith in the Word of God

*Hebrews 11:3. By **faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (NKJV)*

<p><i>The ‘seen has been created by the unseen’</i></p>

* Faith in the Word of God means that we believe His Word over & above our 5 senses!

Conflict between - seen & unseen!

Whose word do I believe?

* The word of my senses or the Word of God?

How do we grow our faith?

*Romans 10:17. So then **faith** comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NKJV)*

How does this happen?

- * Sitting under anointed ministry.
- * Studying & meditating on the Word.
- * Seeking God in prayer, fasting & the Word.

*Matthew 4:4. But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but **by every word that proceeds** from the mouth of God.’ ”*

We must become filled with the Word of God so that the Holy Spirit can make the Word alive as and when we need it!

Some lessons from Scripture

Ten vs two:

Numbers 13:1-2. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, everyone a leader among them.”

Numbers 13:3. So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the Lord...

Ten people chose to accept & believe the evidence of their senses & rejected God’s Word!

Numbers 13:27-28. Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

Two (Joshua and Caleb) chose to believe God’s word in spite of their senses!

Numbers 13:30. Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.

The minority who believed were correct!

Three young men:

Daniel 3:16-18. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

* They chose to believe the Word of God

Daniel 3:25. “Look!” he (The king) answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the^[a] Son of God.”

The fish were not biting!:

Luke 5:4-6. When He (Jesus) had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

* Their faith in Jesus’ Word produced a miracle

Paul faced a storm:

*Acts 27:23-25. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, ²⁴ saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' ²⁵ Therefore take heart, men, for **I believe God** that it will be just as it was told me. V:44. ...everyone reached land in safety!*

By faith Paul acted on the living Word!

God spoke His word to His people again and again:

Isaiah 8:1 The Lord said to me...

Jeremiah 1:2 The word of the Lord came to him...

Ezekiel 1:3. The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel...

Hosea 1:1. The word of the Lord came to Hosea...

Joel 1:1. The word of the Lord came to Joel...

Exodus 3:4. When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

* The word of the Lord came to Moses when he was not looking for it or wanting it!

*Acts 13:2-3. While they were **worshiping** the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit **said**, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the **work** to which I have called them." ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*

Worship – Word – Work

Remember...

- * We can grow our faith through His Word
- * We can put our faith in His word – even when it conflicts with our five senses
- * We will discover the amazing power of Faith in the Word of God

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Matthew 8:13. Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.