


Where It All Begins: Faith

School of Discipleship: New Birth

A stylized, light blue graphic of a plant with two stems and several leaves, positioned in the lower half of the slide. The stems curve upwards and outwards, supporting several large, rounded leaves with visible vein patterns.



Text to
Memorize

“For truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be removed and cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will be done, whatever he says will be done to him. Therefore I say to you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you receive it, and it will come to you.” Mark 11:23–24



Introduction

- Let's read
Hebrews 11:1-16

“...without faith, it is impossible to please God.”

Where It All Begins


- Faith is the fundamental starting point of the Christian life, according to 2 Peter chapter 1.
- It acts as a bridge between the natural and supernatural realms, essential for accessing spiritual resources and guidance from God.
- Believing in the presence of God and the rewarding nature of him is crucial to receiving blessings from him, as emphasized in Hebrews 11:6.





WHAT IS THE FAITH?

- Faith is about believing what God says and being certain about what is hoped for, even if it is not seen (Hebrews 11:1).
- It implies total trust in God and the security of receiving what is expected from Him.
- True faith is rooted in understanding and believing in the power, divine inspiration, eternal nature, and reliability of God's Word as a source of genuine faith (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16 -17).



HOW DO WE GAIN THIS FAITH

- Faith originates in the Word of God and is strengthened through knowledge and integration of its teachings into our lives.
- Developing an active faith involves deeply desiring the Word of God, meditating on it, praying and fasting to nurture a faith rooted in its principles.
- Confidence in the truthfulness and reliability of God's Word enables us to walk by faith in our spiritual life, trusting in his promises and teachings.

WALKING BY FAITH

Obstacles That Can Make Us Lose Faith

- Unbelief (Hebrews 4:6)
- The Senses (John 20:24-29; Hebrews 11:1; Matthew 5:18)
- Doubt (James 1:6-7, 4:7; Hebrews 10:23)
- Indignity (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:21)
- Fear (Romans 8:15; Galatians 5:6; 1 John 4:18; Luke 8:50; Mark 5:36)



Faith in Word

- Faith in words involves verbalizing and declaring our belief in the truth of God's Word.
- Speaking in faith aligns our mind with the mind of God and activates the power of faith in our lives.
- Repeating and memorizing the Scriptures strengthens our faith and helps us apply them to our needs, always making sure that our words are based on the written Word and not on our emotions.

Faith In Action

- Faith in action involves acting based on God's promises, without paying attention to circumstances or feelings.
- Examples from the Old and New Testaments show how faith is manifested in concrete actions, such as obedience to God's instructions and experiencing the supernatural.
- Keeping our eyes on Jesus as the author and finisher of faith motivates us to walk by faith and act on God's promises in our lives.



CONCLUSION

- Faith proclaims the redemptive power of Jesus to save, heal, and provide abundantly.
- It motivates us to believe and receive God's promises by faith, in prayer, similar to how the children of Israel claimed the promised land.
- We must fight the good fight of faith, trusting God completely and daring to believe in his promises to experience the abundant life he offers.



Homework

What is the faith?

How do we obtain it?

How to develop a Faith
that allows us to
overcome life's
obstacles?

