**Baby Steps in Faith *(sjm 4-6-2025)***

**2 Tim 3:7** Always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. (*deepening understanding)*

**Faith brings the promises of God from Heaven “spiritual realm” to us in the “natural realm” *(unseen to seen)***

**God understands our issues & has compassion on our needs (Matt 6) but is not moved by our *whining, begging or complaining* *(again moved by faith and biblical principles for prayer)***

 \****Method of exchange on earth is currency****: If you have some you can buy items, services, travel anywhere, obtain just about anything available if you have enough money*

**\*Method of exchange in heaven is faith.** *If you know how to use it you can do just about anything in the kingdom of heaven*

 ***Mark 9:23 All things* are possible to him that believes!**

 **Matt 15:28 Oh women, great is thy faith, be it unto thee even as thou wilt!**

 **Scriptures state:** We are to **Live by faith**, (5x), **Talk faith** (Heb 10:23) & **Walk in Faith** (Rom 4:12) & **Fight the good fight of faith** (1 Tim 6:12)

 **What if it has to be by faith with nothing else (what would we all have?) Remember 1 Cor 3:12-15**

**Remember: James 2:17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead

 ***I see two types of faith actions demonstrated in scripture***

 **As God spoke or directed Individuals who took their own action**

Abraham Centurion

 Rahab Woman with the issue of blood

 Jehoshaphat Woman with daughter vexed of devil

 Gideon Blind men

***After prayer & reflection I heard this in my spirit***

 **Luke 16:8** For **the** **children** **of** this world are in **the**ir generation **wiser** **than** **the** **children** **of** **light**.

 **Exercise** – I have lofty goals but its smart to build up to the desired level *(running & weights)*

 *I also realized you just need to make up your mind & have determination*

 **Dieting –** I have lofty goals but over the yrs realize that you often have to build up to *it (like drinking water, at first I do not much care for drinking much water)*

Then I remember a statement by Kenneth Copeland **“Make a Quality Decision to Walk by Faith”**

 Start working or walking or living by faith on the smaller things first. Remember this is totally believing God!

 **2 Thes 1:3 NIV We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters,[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Thessalonians%201%3A3&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29653a)**] and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more,**

 **Prov 3:5** Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

 **KHagin:** “*If your ready to stand forever, it won’t take very long”*

**Take the Challenge - Faith Stance:**

**Medical**

**Start believing God against a headache**

**If you have 3-4 things wrong with you believe for supernatural healing of one of the items** *(or improvement)*

**Provision**

 **Believing for a new job: Start believing God for favor with your boss or company or a pay raise/promotion**

 **Set your budget before God, & start believing for supernatural provision from God**

**Relationships**

**Pick out one area you want to change in your life *(anxiety, fear, stress, insomnia, impatience)***

 **Pick out one area to believe for others: *(Spouse, child, friend, church member) for change***

**Ministry Gifts**

**Believe for growth in an area of the church *(building, drummer, superchurch workers, etc.)***

**Believe God for a manifestation of one area of Spiritual gifts (ie: prophecy/dreams/revelations)**

 ***(Start showing your gifts before you ask to be in a 5 fold ministry)***

**How much do you hunger for the things of God?**

**Jude 20 AMPC - But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;**