

“BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH”

PART 3

KEY SCRIPTURES:

JOHN 20:19-29/JAMES 1:5-7/MARK 11:22-24/MARK 9:17-29

ROMANS 8:24-25/

GROWING IN MY FAITH MEANS I MUST ALSO DEAL WITH MY DOUBTS

BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH ALSO INVOLVES DESTROYING A LIFE OF DOUBTS AND UNBELIEF THAT OFTEN HINDERS US FROM TRUSTING GOD FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE.

FAITH REQUIRES A PROCESS TO GROW AND BE ACTIVE IN OUR LIFE. THERE ARE STAGES WE DEVELOP IN OUR DAILY LIFESTYLES WHICH BUILD ON THAT DICTATE HOW WE BELIEVE. PEOPLE WHO HAVE A HOPE AND TRUST IN GOD GROW THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD. IT'S THE COMMONALITY OF OUR BUILDING BLOCK OF FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. (HEBREWS 4:12-13)

GOD REVEALS OUR MOTIVES THROUGH OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORD. (2 TIMOTHY 2:15) THE WORD WE ARE INTIMATE WITH GUIDES OUR LIFE OF FAITH. TOO OFTEN WE CONFUSE RELIGION WITH FAITH. RELIGION IS THE SYSTEM THAT GIVES STRUCTURE OF HOW CONDUCT OURSELVES IN OUR FAITH. FAITH IS THE DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT WE BELIEVE.

THE STAGES THAT EXIST IN A BELIEVER'S ABILITY TO GROW IN FAITH

1. SIMPLICITY – (ROMANS 12:3) GOD HAS TO EACH ONE A MEASURE! WE SOMETIMES COMPLICATE WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE BY FAITH. ROMANS 10:9-13 MAKES IT CLEAR HOW WE GAIN ACCESS TO A LIVING HOPE THAT WE SHALL BE SAVED. THE WORD OF FAITH STARTS WITH BELIEVING IN CHRIST JESUS.

2. PERSISTENT- (LUKE 18:1-5) THE FAITH ACTIONS WE DEMONSTRATE ARE THE ACTIONS TRIGGERED BY BELIEF THAT GOD IS ABLE. IT MAYBE IMPOSSIBLE WITH MAN. (MATTHEW 19:23-26)

BUT ARE ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD. YOU MAYBE 99 BUT IF GOD SAYS YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A BABY. YOU MAY HAVE A MOUNTAIN TO MOVE BUT IF GOD SAYS SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN DON'T BE AFRAIN TO OPEN UP YOUR MOUTH.

3. ENRICHING – (PROVERBS 13:12) WHEN WE WITNESS ANSWERED PRAYERS AND WE SEE THE MANIFESTATION OF THINGS THAT WE STAND BELIEVING GOD FOR IT ENRICHES US AND HELPS OUR FAITH TO GROW. FULFILLMENT IS THE ELEMENT OF FAITH WHICH GIVES US THE CONFIDENCE TO DEFEAT GIANTS, STAND IN THE FIERY FURNACE, AND CAST OUT DEMONS IN HIS NAME! (1 JOHN 5:14-15)