

The Faith Walk

I want to share something that is precious to my heart - the walk of faith.

- **2Peter 1:1** ...to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.
- **Psalm 133:1** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- **Romans 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

There's a cute little saying using the letters F.A.I.T.H. – “*Forsaking All I Trust Him*”.

The whole faith message can be summed up in these two sets of verses:

- **Proverbs 3:5&6**

5. Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding
6. in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths. Notice it is (plural)

- **Psalm 91:1&2**

1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Faith is a Requirement:

- **Luke 18:8** Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, shall He find faith on the earth?
- **Hebrews 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Faith is Trusting in God's Word: (*GEN 1:3, HEB 11:3*)

- **Luke 7:7b&9** ...but say in a word... I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- **John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Faith is Submitting: *Notice the order.*

- **Mark 9:23&24** Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, ***I believe***; help Thou mine unbelief.
- **James 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Faith is Speaking: (*Romans 10:9&10*)

- **Mark 11:23-26**

23. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
24. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
25. *And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*
26. *But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

Faith is a Talent:

- **Matt 25:14-30** *Parable of the talents.* And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one. You see, here is the revelation - that one talent is the faith God gave us.
- **Eph 2:8** For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. That is your first gift – faith; that is your first talent - faith. *Start using it don't bury it.*

NOTE: I'm not telling you to throw away your medicine, I'm telling you to step out and expect a change in your situation and those around you. I know some here have financial struggles and some have health struggles and some here have emotional struggles. God is not limited to your situation. You speak to the mountain.

Finally, Faith is not judging:

- **1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

FAITH AND'S...

Faith and Salvation:

- **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- **Eph 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Faith and Love:

- **1 Cor 13:1-13** And now abides faith, hope, charity (love), these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
- **Romans 12:3&9** ...as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Let love be without dissimulation.
- **Galatians 5:6** For in Jesus Christ...but faith which works by love.

Faith and Justification:

- **Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed - in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.
- **Romans 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith; we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Faith and Righteousness:

- **Romans 4:1-12** Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him (you) for righteousness.
- **Galatians 3:6-9**
 6. Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.
 7. Know you therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.
 8. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, "In you shall all nations be blessed".
 9. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Faith and Holding/Standing:

- **Matthew 24:35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away.
- **Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised)
- **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- **Ephesians 6:10-20** Take on the whole armor of God (**13** and having done all, to stand, **16** the shield of faith).
- **Hebrews 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Faith and Works: (*Genesis 15:1-7; Romans 4:1-12; Galatians 3:1-9; Hebrews 11:8-19*)

- **2Cor 5:7** For we walk by faith not by sight...
- **James 1:22** But be you doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Faith and a Warning:

- **James 2:14, 17, 20, & 26**
 14. What does it profit, my brethren, though a man **say he has faith, and have not works?** can faith save him?
 15. If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
 16. And one of you say unto them, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled"; notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
 17. Even so faith, **if it has not works, is dead, being alone.**
 18. Yea, a man may say, You hast faith, and I have works: shew me your faith without your works, and I will shew you my faith by my works.
 19. You believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
 20. But wilt you know, O vain man, **that faith without works is dead?**
 26. As the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without deeds is dead.**

The Faith Chapter, Hebrews 11, but note verses 1-3:

1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.
3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God...

Hebrews 11

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

² For by it the elders obtained a good report.

³ Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

⁴ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaks.

⁵ By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

¹¹ Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

¹² Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

¹⁴ For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

¹⁵ And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

¹⁶ But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He has prepared for them a city.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

¹⁸ Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

¹⁹ Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

²⁵ Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

²⁸ Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

³² And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

³³ Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

³⁴ Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

³⁶ And others had trial of cruel mocking and scourging's, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

³⁸ (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

⁴⁰ God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Odds and Ends

Ezekiel 47:3-7 Faith Levels

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters **were to the ankles**.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters **were to the knees**. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters **were to the loins**.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters **to swim in**, a river that could not be passed over.

1 Cor 12:4-11 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

4. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9. To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10. To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Matthew 25:1-13 The Ten Virgins

1. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

James 5:13-18 The Prayer of Faith

13. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. 14. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. 17. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Mark 11:24

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.

Romans 4:21

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.