



Faith and the *Promises* of God

*How agreement with God — formed by His Word — opens the way into what He has
promised.*

WHERE WE BEGIN

When faith *feels heavy*.

For many of us, messages about faith have felt like pressure — a standard to strain toward, a reason to be blamed when life is hard.

If that is where you are tonight, you are welcome here. Nothing that follows is meant as another weight to carry.

FAITH IS NOT

A performance you keep passing.

Certainty you produce by trying harder.

The reason someone is still suffering.

A test God is waiting for you to fail.

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**”*

If following Jesus feels crushing, we may be carrying a yoke He did not hand us. His invitation is **rest** — not another weight.

Faith is *agreement* with God.

AMOS 3 : 3

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

To walk with God is to *agree* with Him — to say back to Him what He has already said, and to let His view of the situation become ours.

Faith is not manufacturing certainty from nothing. It is standing where He stands.

WHERE FAITH COMES FROM

Faith comes *by hearing*.

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

ROMANS 10 : 17

You are not asked to produce faith. You are asked to sit under a voice that produces it.

GOD'S INITIATIVE

01 He *speaks* His Word.

02 We *hear* it.

03 Faith is *formed* in us.

His Word *washes* and *divides*.

EPHESIANS 5 : 26

“...the washing of water by the word.”

Fear, wrong thinking, old wounds — the Word rinses them off us the way clean water rinses dust from skin. Not in one moment. Steadily.

HEBREWS 4 : 12

“...quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit.”

It separates what our soul is reacting to from what the Spirit of God is actually saying — and shows us the difference.

The Word does not shame us. It cleanses us and clarifies us.

AN ILLUSTRATION

The ocean, the tides, and the *Word*.

THE OCEAN

The sea is always receiving what runs into it — dust from the air, rivers carrying whatever they carry.

THE TIDES

Yet God set the seas in motion. They rise and fall, breathe and turn — and are kept moving, not stagnant.

HIS WORD IN US

We take in fear, weariness, old reactions. God moves His Word through us the way He moves the tides — cleansing, realigning, renewing.

We are not asked to keep ourselves clean by our own strength. He gave us tides.

*“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”*

Even the faith we live by is not something we squeeze out of ourselves. It is **His** faith, flowing through a life joined to His. We are not the source. We are the vessel.

“I will believe You *to heal me.*”

ONE

She listened.

A youth group set out to read the whole Bible in a month. She kept up — often listening to the audio Scriptures while she went about her day.

TWO

She quietly agreed.

Not long after, without fanfare, she told the Lord she would believe Him to heal her scoliosis. No dramatic certainty — just agreement.

THREE

She went to worship.

At a conference she simply went forward to bow. A man she did not know came and prayed for her. Someone recorded a moment of it.

FOUR

She stood level.

Afterward her shoulders were even, her hips aligned. She could stand with both legs straight, comfortably. God had been faithful.

*We share this as a **testimony**, not a formula. God is not obligated to move on any timetable. But He is faithful — and He honors the quiet, listening “yes” of a heart that has heard His voice.*

SO WHAT DO WE DO?

How we *walk* it out.

01 Sit under His voice.

Read, listen, "meditate on His [Word] day and night" Psalm 1

02 Let the Word wash fear.

"ye are clean through the Word which I (Jesus) have spoken" John 15:3

03 Walk with Him — one step.

Do the next thing He has already asked. "the just shall LIVE by faith" Habakuk 2:4 (emphasis added)

A WORD WORTH KNOWING

sōzō

GREEK · NEW TESTAMENT

A single Greek verb the New Testament uses for *to save, to rescue, to make whole, to heal*.

When Jesus tells the woman, "thy faith hath made thee whole" — that word is *sōzō*. The salvation He paid for is that wide.



THE WORD WE END ON

God is *faithful*.

“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1 : 20