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TOPIC: UNDERSTANDING FAITH

Text: Mark 11:22_23, Heb 11:1

According to the Bible Faith is an important part of our Christian walk with God. Heb 11:6

It is the Pillar that connects man and sustained man in God. Heb 11:1

Faith is described in Heb 11:1 as confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

WHAT IS FAITH?

1. Faith is the confidence in the faithfulness of God borne out of the attributes of God. Numbers 23:19, Psalm 89:34-35, Titus 1:2. It signifies trust and belief in God and His promises in spite of the fact that we can not see God physically. Faith unlocks the powerful potentials for us to triumph over the battles of our life. I can see David believing in the great God dwelling in him. Doing wonders through him in the face of lion and a bear. 1 Samuel 17:33_37. What are barriers, obstacles, battles, problems standing as a mountain before you? Let your faith rise you will overcome them in Jesus Name.

2. Faith is taking God at his word. Gen 12:4, 22:1-4

3. Faith is the vehicle of salvation. salvation is a gift from God through faith in Christ Jesus. I John 5:13 says. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. Ephesians 2:8_9 says, Eph.2.8 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Eph.2.9 - Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Rom 10:9 says That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart, thou shalt be saved. Isaiah 55:8_9, Psalm 103:7 In faith you see things the way God sees things and yet that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

4. Faith is accessing the thought and ways of God in order to experience the acts and wonders of God. Isaiah 55:8-9, Psalm 103:7 In faith you see things the way God sees things and think the way God thinks and then you begin to experience the acts and wonders of God. As you study the scriptures you begin to see things the way God sees them. You access the thought of God and the Bible is the container of the thought of God. You access his thought and way like this is what to do, this is how to do it. We are always not at the same level of results because we are not thinking the same way and not acting the same way.

5. Faith is the expectation and action based on scriptural revelations and convictions. Out of the Scripture you get revelation and this revelation gives you very strong conviction in all areas with corresponding actions. Then the action is solid manifestation. The day you run out of revelation you run out of conviction and invariably you run out of manifestation.

6. Faith is seeing possibility out of the scripture e.g the fall of Jericho wall. Joshua 6:20 ,the Parting of the Red sea Exod 14:21-22 All these are seeing possibility of the Scripture. You accepted the responsibility from those possibility to happen. Hab.2.1 - I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. You saw how the wall of Jericho collapsed. Seeing possibility out of the scripture. you accepted the responsibility and experiencing the reality of those possibilities. Faith happens when the heart has captured the picture of the scripture. You didn't just hear matt 8:17 says that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Many read it but he saw it.

7. Faith is heart-alignment with God and His Word (Luke 5:4-5)

8. Faith is drawing supernatural virtue from the Word to produce extraordinary outcomes (Luke 6:19)

The Bible has something inside that when you tap into it, it can power your whole destiny

9. Faith is living in the realm of what is expected, not what is experienced (Heb. 11:22; Gen. 50:25)

Faith is living the future today; it is living ahead of time.

SOURCES OF FAITH

How does faith come? How do we generate faith?

1. By hearing the word of God. Rom 10:17

2. Faith comes by studying the word of God

3. True faith comes from God and it is centered on Jesus Christ

MYSTERIES OF FAITH

A mystery is something that can not be explained by natural law. It is a secret not known to many.

1. Human existence without faith amounts to human existence without impact. Heb 11:1-end

The level of your faith determines the quality of impact you make in life.

2. Your access to God and His resources is determined by your faith.

Heb.11.6 says - 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.

3. Our spiritual worth and wealth are anchored on our faith. Heb 6:12

In conclusion, only those who walk by faith, act in faith, confess in faith will manifest the fullness of God's blessing.