

Jesus said: to His disciples, **have faith in God**, Mark 11:22

... but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith, {Romans 12:3}.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith, Roman 1:17.

So, whose faith is it? (How do we go from faith to faith?)

⁸ And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: ⁹ The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Acts 14:8-9.

But I have prayed for thee (Peter), that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren, Luke 22:32.

Therefore, it is our faith that we need to build up. However, before we start thinking that we can do it all on our own faith, it's better said that we need to strengthen our faith in God's Word as we place our faith into His faithfulness. Being fully persuaded that God is able to do, and will do for us what His Word tells us, He will do.

Faith is an essential kingdom principle that we must all have.

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," Romans 10:17.

For by grace are we saved through faith, Ephesians 2:8.

We are built up in Him, and established in the faith, Colossians 2:7.

We are sanctified by faith that is in Me. (Christ Jesus), Acts 26:18.

A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law, Romans 3:28,

Faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness., Romans 4:9.

With full assurance of faith, we are purified & Cleansed, Hebrews 10:22,

Buried with Christ, (in baptism), and Risen with Him, Colossians 2:12.

Everybody has the ability to generate faith; this even applies to unbelievers. Faith and fear are both generated by expectations of things to come. If you can be in fear, YOU CAN BE IN FAITH!

Simply change your expectation of what is to come.

So, instead of creating a mental list of "what if scenarios" that focus on the worst possible outcomes of what could happen and the harshness that the world can throw at you. Rather, start believing in the goodness of God and expecting the many promises and blessings that are in His Word.

The Word faith is only found twice in the Old Testament,

- (the Lord speaking), (Israel's generation) are children in whom is no faith, Deuteronomy 32:20.
- The just shall live by his faith, Habakkuk 2:4.

Even though the Old Testament did not widely reveal the principle of faith (as Jesus hadn't yet been crucified and the Holy Spirit had not been given to all). We see in the scripture below that Abraham was fully persuaded, operating under the law of faith.

And being fully persuaded (Abraham) that, what He (God) had promised, He was able also to perform, Romans 4:21.

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, Hebrews 11:8.

... but faith which works by love, Galatians 5:6.

Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, ... Hebrews 12:2

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith, Romans 3:27.

The way you measure faith is by how much Word you have within you. Paul called the Word of God →the Word of faith, Romans 10:8.

Are there different levels of faith, scripture seems to imply this.

- Great Faith: spoken by Jesus to two Gentiles, Matthew 6:30 & 15:28.
- Little Faith: spoken by Jesus to His disciples and to the multitudes, Matthew 6:30, 8:26, 14:31 & 16:8.

Faith is merely the conduit that allows us to make a connection between this physical realm and the heavenly realm. The greater variable is the strength of our belief and confident expectation in God's Word and His promises to come to pass in our life.

It's really not about greater or lesser measures of faith, for we all have been given the measure of faith, Romans 12:3. It depends on how we use our faith. Think of it as a muscle; everybody has muscles in their body. The issue is how we use the muscle, whether we exercise that muscle or allow it to atrophy through non-use.

A prayer to live by faith:

Lord, I come to You humbly in prayer, to exalt, glorify, and praise Your name. You are my Lord and my God and the most important person in my life. Great is Your loving kindness towards me, and I will unashamedly, **Romans 1:16**, proclaim and magnify Your name forevermore. I thank and acknowledge that You are with me in all seasons of my life, and it's for that reason that I have great hope, comfort, and stability in my life.

Father, thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, as it says in **Luke 11:11-13** that You will give Your Spirit to anyone who asks for it. Now I ask You that Your Spirit would teach me kingdom principles to operate in Your kingdom realm. That the eyes of my understanding may be enlightened, knowing the exceeding greatness and power of Your Word.

Father, may I always have the discipline to always come to You daily, whether in times of abundance or of lack, in difficult times and good times. That in all situations I may always grow in the understanding of Your Word, that my faith would become active and strong in my Christian walk.

As **Romans 1:17** says, the just, the righteous, shall live by faith, and I acknowledge that I have been made righteous through the righteousness of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Father, I choose to walk and live by faith, for You have given every man the measure of faith, **Romans 12:3**. Knowing that every promise and blessing in Your Word is true and beneficial for us.

Amen.

Receiving by Faith

Faith is making a bridge, a connection between the physical earthly realm and the heavenly realm.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, **Hebrews 11:1**.

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, **Hebrews 11:6**

Matthew 17:20 and **Luke 17:6**, tells us that "faith is as a grain of mustard seed," and we tend to emphasize the size of the mustard seed; rather, we need to focus on the seed. The parable of the sower tells us that the seed is the Word of God. All seeds have their substance within them, and if we plant God's Word in our heart, believe, and speak it, faith will grow.

Thus, we can consider God's Word to be a seed, and if we plant it, care for it, believe it, and speak it, it will produce for us godly faith, for the seed will produce after its own kind.

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: **Ephesians 1:3**.

²⁶ And He said, **So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;** ²⁷ **And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how,** Mark 4:26-27.

But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach; **Romans 10:8**.

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, **Romans 10:17**.

