



FAITH

Introduction

Today I want to start to teach you about FAITH. I want to teach you:

- What faith is!
- What faith it is not!
- What faith do you have right now!
- How do I get faith
- How to get more faith

Many of you have heard about FAITH and some even here tonight have started exercising your FAITH! So for the benefit of everyone in this church tonight, I will start my teaching on FAITH right at the beginning and teach you about FAITH.

For those of you that are already walking in different levels of FAITH, I want to ground you in the basics so that your faith that can grow!

So let's start at the beginning and let's see what FAITH is!

What is FAITH?

So whenever we find a new word the best source to consult to understand the word is the dictionary, which I have already looked you for you. So here is the definition of FAITH.

FAITH is a Noun, it means to:

1. *Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.*
2. *Strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.*

Other similar word are belief, trust, confidence

So FAITH is putting your complete trust and confidence in a higher power. Actually the bible says in Hebrews 11:1, *"Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."*

So faith is being sure, putting your whole trust in something that is not seen but you are trusting a higher source, in this case God to accomplish. The end of that scripture is "faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the sense.

So faith is above and beyond our sense. What we can see, smell, hear, touch and feel.

What faith is not

So that leads me to what FAITH is not! Faith is not, or has nothing to do with what you can perceive with your five physical senses but only with your spiritual sense.

When you see something it is not faith. When you hear something it is not faith, when you feel something it is not faith.

For example: If you are trusting God for a new car. Until that car is manifested that you can see it, touch it, smell it, hear the engine run and turn the key and drive away the car feeling the seats



and driving power it is all faith!

Even though you might see cars just like the one you want. Even though you might drive a car just like it. You are in faith for that car, until it is physically manifested, you are in faith. Faith always has a substance, the thing that you are trusting of hoping in God for.

Once you have it, it is not faith anymore.

Faith is not being rash or irrational, throwing caution to the wind, but faith is a calculated belief in a power that is above your situation that will accomplish a desired result. Not only in a spiritual sense but also in our daily life.

What faith do you have right now

Every day we use our faith without even thinking about it. We get up each morning, wash and get dressed and go to a place we do not own to work for a salary that will only be paid at the end of the month. That is faith!

Next we go to our car. We do not have to know how our car works just how to drive it and turn it on. We put the key in the ignition and put our faith in the battery, that it has enough charge to turn the starter – we have faith the started will start the engine and the car starts!

We go to the airport and put our faith in a pilot that he is well trained on all the issues of that aircraft and that we will get to our destination.

Next that pilot puts his faith in the laws of aerodynamics and lift that at a certain speed the aircraft will defy gravity and lift into the sky. That is faith

The chair you are sitting on. No one came into this chapel and examined all the chairs before sitting down but each person here put your confidence in a higher power than gravity and you sat on the chair. That is you put your FAITH in that chair that it would hold your weight and that it would support you completely.

So there is spiritual faith and no spiritual faith.

So how do I get faith?

The next question would be how do I get faith, how do I get more faith.

*The good news is that according to Romans 12:3, "God hath dealt to every man the **measure of faith.**"*

So every person has already received a measure of faith! That's good news, you have faith already built into you!

That measure of faith is enough for every person on earth to Believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and received Him as their own personal Saviour and also to for any person to believe and receive their healing from God.

So no person can ever say to God one day that they did not have enough faith to believe and receive Jesus or that they could not be healed! Isn't that amazing?

So if you and I have a measure of faith, how do we grow our faith more? The answer to this



question is rather simple but let's turn to **Romans 10:17**, so listen this is how you increase your faith! **"¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."**

So when you hear the message, you come to church, go to home cell, watch Christian TV, listen to DVD, tapes etc. Any time you hear the perfect Word of God preached, actually specifically the Words of Christ – faith rises up.

Remember the Words of Christ Words of Christ are not only the red letter in the Gospels but the entire Bible because according to 2 Timothy 3:16, all scripture is God breathed.

So you want to build up / increase your faith, then you need to feed yourself the Word of God, by reading, hearing and doing and applying it in your life.

Faith also comes through exercise. Faith is like a muscle it must be exercised daily. We need to start exercising our faith every day. Start with a small thing and soon it will grow.

Remember you can read through the entire Bible and each story will show faith in operation. Every miracle Jesus did was based on His faith but most importantly the person being healed faith

Conclusion

So this is FAITH, putting your confidence in a power that is above the natural powers working in the earth.

FAITH need to be exercised just like a body builder builds his muscles.

You and I must daily exercise our FAITH so that it will grow. The more you exercise your FAITH the stronger it will become, the less you exercise you FAITH the weaker your faith will become until it is unable to help you in any way!

Lastly **Hebrews 11:6**, **"⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."**

So if you want to please God, we need to operate in faith