



## What is FAITH

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today. If this is your first time joining us here on Sunday Online, we would like to welcome you to our service today and invite you to join us every Sunday for a weekly message.

### Let us pray

### Introduction

Today I want to talk about FAITH. What faith is and why FAITH is so important to a Christian's life.

Last week I spoke about what a Christian really is and to live this Christian lifestyle we will need FAITH!

The Christian walk is all to do with FAITH, FAITH in God and His Word and His promises to us. It requires FAITH because when we apply our FAITH in God and His Word and His ability to do exactly what His Word says and in FAITH, we accept that Jesus Christ's death on Calvary paid the full price for my/our sin, and that God is not MAD at us anymore, we can achieve the most incredible things for Him.

The key scripture about FAITH is the whole of Hebrews 11 and today I will use two verses to explain what FAITH is and why we need FAITH?

### What is FAITH?

We all know what FAITH is because we exercise our FAITH without thinking about it. We pull out a chair and without examining the chair we sit down believing it will not break and hold our weight.

We get in our car and turn the key, in FAITH believing the car will start, we never checked the battery, we never check if there is fuel in the car, we never hoped the car would start, we just got in and turn the key and the car started.

So, we all have FAITH and we use it all the time but Biblical FAITH is similar but a little different because the source of our FAITH is always GOD and HIS WORD!

So, what is Biblical FAITH, to answer this question let look at **Hebrews 11:1** it says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

So, according to **Hebrews 11:1**, biblical FAITH consists of two elements:

- Things HOPED for – there is something you need, like healing, you are sick and you want to be well again
- Things NOT SEEN – you cannot see your healing because you feel sick and you are trusting to be healed with the evidence of feel well

So, Biblical FAITH, something HOPED FOR and something NOT SEEN.

And also Biblical FAITH has some basic RULES:



### So RULE Number 1

Anything that is not hoped for and is seen, in other words, you already have it, does not require any FAITH!

If I already own a white VW Polo, people will think I am crazy if I am applying my FAITH for a white VW Polo if I already own one in the first place!

So, the first rule to apply FAITH, it must be something that is not present in your life, something not seen and secondly it is something that is hoped for! You do not have it right now!

For example, you need a car, you do not have one right now and you are hoping, to apply your FAITH by trusting God for a car! Your car is not seen because it is not in your garage, there are cars exactly like your car, but they do not belong to you, you need FAITH!

### Rule Number two

This might seem obvious, but I am amazed at how often I have come across violations of rule number two, You cannot have what belongs to someone else unless they give it to you!

If you took something, "in FAITH" that belongs to someone else without their permission it is called theft! You cannot have FAITH for something that belongs to another person, not their car, not their house, not their spouse not anything that is theirs.

You can ask God in FAITH for a car, or a house, or a spouse etc. like theirs but you can not have what belongs to them unless they give it to you!

I have heard of people who are trusting God to take someone to heaven so that they can marry their spouse or inherit something from them], that is totally selfish and most definitely NOT FAITH!

God will and can never do this because He ONLY REWARDS the correct Biblical FAITH, not our selfish desires.

### Rule Number Three

God cannot give you what you are not capable of or that you have not proven capable to handle, this is a BIG one and one where many people fall short!

**Luke 16:10-12** *<sup>10</sup> He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. <sup>11</sup> Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?"*

We ask God for a lot of money, and we even promise Him that when we have this money we will tithe and give to others and especially the poor!

Sound noble but God sees that we cannot manage the money we have right now properly, we do not tithe, we do not give to the poor, we do not help people now, how will we ever do this when we have a lot of money? You must be faith in the little you have for God to know that you will be faithful in times of plenty!



Did you know that they did a study on people who won the casino jackpot of over 1 million dollars at one of the US Casinos? They took a list of the names of people who had won this jackpot in the past 10 years and found that not one of these people had anything to show for the money they had won!

Why? because before they won the Jackpot they wasted their money on things and when they got a lot of money they wasted their money on more expensive things and then eventually had no money and sold everything they had bought until they were in the same situation as when they started.

Start to manage your money you have Biblically, tithing, giving 10% back to God, helping the poor and others with food and money and when you prove yourself faithful in the little, He will be able to trust you with much.

God will only give you what you can to handle.

It would be unfair of God to give you that Ferrari you are asking God for, because firstly you do not have a drivers license, secondly you do not have any money to pay for the fuel or the money to pay for the insurance, tyres and the services for a Ferrari.

It would not be fair to give you something that you can never use or cannot manage properly, first learn how to manage the resources that God has already given you and then trust God to add to that in FAITH and He will.

### FAITH is like a muscle

**James 2:17** says that FAITH without action is DEAD, *“<sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”*

FAITH is like a muscle it must be exercised every day and it will grow larger and larger, and FAITH has deeds, in other words, when you are acting in FAITH there is an increase in FAITH and there is some evidence that your FAITH is growing.

### Why do we need FAITH?

The Bible says in **Hebrews 11:6**, *“<sup>6</sup> 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.”*

That it is impossible to please God unless we come to Him in FAITH, knowing that He/God is GOD! And that He is the rewarder of our FAITH, when we come to Him in sincerity and earnestly in all seriousness.

This is so important, do not come to God without FAITH in Him and His Word and His ability to reward your FAITH with answers to your FAITHFULLED prayers.

Do not come to God hoping to receive something with our acknowledgement that He is God, and He owns everything and always come to Him through FAITH in Him and His Word, even quoting His Word to Him with a sincere and earnest heart and I guarantee you God will



answer your FAITH. God is a rewarded of those who come to Him in FAITH according to **Hebrews 11:6**.

Last year I got COVID-19 and after I recovered I heard of many people who were in the same situation that I was and that some were even worse off than I was and God challenged me to pray for 15 of them individually every day! So, I started praying for them in FAITH that God would heal them of COVID-19 and that He would restore them to health, and He healed all 15 of them!

Then two weeks later He gave me 15 more people to pray for and I did the same thing, I prayed for them individually and God healed them too, and since then I continued praying for the people individually that God brought on my way, and He has healed them then ALL.

Eventually, God started sending me people with other sicknesses not only COVID-19 and I have been praying for them too and God has been healing them and today I am praying for over 60 people daily. Some also I pray for individually and some I pray for in a group and God is doing amazing things through these prayers of FAITH for Him to heal these people.

Has God given me a healing ministry? No, I am just doing what God asked me to do and He is healing and restoring people, I have no special ability other than I am acting in FAITH in Him and His Word and I pray in FAITH and God heals and restores these people and I hear the stories of people touched by my prayers and God's mercy and I am just amazed and I praise God for acting on my FAITH.

But it took FAITH – once I put my FAITH in God and His Word and took action, then it took action so that only when I started praying for the people did God start to heal them and then persistence to continue to pray for people individually and daily did God do His part and heal the people.

I have been praying for many people since May 2021, and I do not know how many people I have prayed for but it is a lot and of all the people I have prayed for God has healed everyone except 1 person who died!

Did I stop praying when that person died, no it encouraged me to pray even harder and in FAITH and God loves to reward/honour our FAITH!

Is it easy? No, it is difficult and it takes almost an hour to pray through my list of people I pray for daily, but this has increased my FAITH hugely and God through the Holy Spirit has made specific scriptures come alive, and He has taught me so much about healing, standing on the Word of God in FAITH that I am so grateful I took this step of FAITH?

One of my life verses is **Daniel 11:32<sup>b</sup>** which says it this way “ *but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.* ” NKJV

If you know God experientially through FAITH in Him and His Word, you too will do amazing things through God, and I give Him ALL THE GLORY for what He is doing through my life and ministry and



what He will do through your Life – become that HISTORY MAKE God made you to be through FAITH in Him!

### Conclusion

As I close this week's message, I will pick up on this teaching of FAITH next week, explaining how to INCREASE your FAITH and how to exercise your FAITH!

As I bring this message to a close, God want to use you too! Many people need a fresh touch of Him in their lives, will you take a step of FAITH, FAITH in God and His Word and His ability to exceedingly more than you can ever hope for!

So, you too can do exploits for Go din this World

**Let's pray**