



Faith Q and A
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WHAT IS FAITH?

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

We could also say that faith is the proof that something exists although we cannot see it.

So if you have faith for something, it is already yours, although you cannot yet see it or touch it. For faith is the spiritual substance of the natural thing that you are believing for.

It is the seed of the Word of God in your heart that is giving birth to the answer that you are asking God for, in faith, when you pray.

Therefore, what thing so ever you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them. (Mark 11:24)

It is just like a woman who conceives. She will carry the seed in her womb, and it will grow, until it is time to deliver the baby after 9 months. The seed of the Word of God will also give birth to the answer as we protect and feed it.

Abraham believed God for 25 years, and all along, he had what he was believing for, by faith.

This is the faith of God that has been given to us. (Mark 11:22) There is also a natural faith that all humans have, but I am referring to God's faith in our hearts that comes when we hear the anointed Word. (Romans 10:17)

WHAT DOES FAITH DO?

But without faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

Faith pleases God.

When we believe God's Word, He is pleased. When people believe our words, we are also pleased. Why? Because the opposite would mean that they think that we are liars.

The scripture says that Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. (James 2:23)

When we believe and trust in God, we become His friends, and He takes care of His friends, just like He took care of Abraham and Sarah and all their seed and descendents. And He still does.

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:29)

HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE FAITH FOR SOMETHING?

The Word says that the Faith of God comes when we hear the anointed Word of God, or the Word of Christ. (Romans 10:17) Without the anointing, the Word does not speak or preach to our hearts, but falls flat to the ground.

For the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. (2 Corinthians 3:6)

The Word also says that **God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.** (Romans 12:3) This refers those that have **presented their bodies a living sacrifice unto God** as it says in Romans 12:1. **For all men have not faith.** (2 Thessalonians 3:2)

Faith, just like fear, is a spirit that can be discerned by the gift of discerning of spirits. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

Paul preached to a crippled man at Lystra that had never walked. When Paul looked at him, he perceived that he had faith to

be healed. That is the reason Paul told him with a loud voice: "**Stand upright on thy feet,**" and he leaped and walked. (Acts 14:10)

HOW DO WE BUILD AND RELEASE GOD'S FAITH IN OUR LIVES?

The man we just read about did it by hearing Paul preach--faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17), and he also acted on a prophetic word, doing something that he had never done before in his life. God's Word of healing in his heart, became greater than his crippled body. And his actions of faith in that Word made that Word become a reality in his life.

In the book of Romans, we also read: "**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**" (Romans 10:9-10)

So faith comes from God through his Word and is released through our faith filled words and actions. Praise the Lord!

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