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FAITH WORKBOOK V1 • COURSE OBJECTIVES

To set forth some of the basic truths about faith and stimulate a desire for faith to become real and operative in the life. The Bible says that "without faith it is impossible to please God" [Hebrews 11:6](#). The first step in seeking to discover the life of faith is to ask the question...

WHAT IS FAITH?

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

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

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. [Romans 10:17](#)

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. [Hebrews 12:2](#).

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. [Galatians 2:20](#)

By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. [Hebrews 11:27](#)

As the living Father hath sent me and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. [John 6:57](#)
Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth in me hath everlasting life. [John 6:47](#)

I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the Land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. [Jude 5](#)

Faith Is

There is no brief or comprehensive definition of faith. The following statements, however, give us a glimpse of the kind of faith that is pleasing to God:

- Faith is calling those things which are not as though they are.
- "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Any walk that is less than the walk of faith is a sinful walk.
- Faith is a reason at rest with God.
- Faith grows exceedingly fast not by a glimpse, not by a look, but by a gaze upon Him.
- Faith is dependency upon God, and this God-dependency begins only when self-dependency ends.
- Faith does not always take you out of the storm; faith calms you in the storm.

- There can be no spiritual reality apart from an active faith in Christ.
- Therefore, no salvation, no holiness, no peace, no calmness, no power, no witness, no victory. So at all cost learn to trust Christ.
- Faith is the confidence and active trust that brings a child of God into the "sixth sense" which enables him to apprehend the invisible and spiritual things of God. He can hear God speak and see God in a way that he knows it is God without the assistance of his physical faculties.
- Faith bids eternal truth to become present fact.
- Continually revise your relationship to God until the only certainty you have is the certainty that God is faithful; not you.
- There is not a normal, healthy human being apart from religious faith.
- "Faith claims the whole man, and all God's grace can make him." (Forsyth)
- Faith is not a faculty; faith is the whole man rightly related to God by the Spirit of Jesus.
- Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as visible.
- Faith is as much at home in the realm of the impossible as it is in the realm of the possible.

CHAPTER ONE

Introduction To Faith

The Source and Objective of the Faith Life is Jesus Christ

Searching through the pages of the Bible, we find that Jesus is the source of all our faith. For instance, **Roman 10:1** "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Christ IS the Living Word.

In **Hebrews 12:2** "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." And in **Mark 11:22**, in the marginal reference, it reads

"The Faith of God".

In **Galatians 2:20**, "And the life I now live in the flesh, I live," not by faith ON the Son of God but "BY the faith of the Son of God." Also, look at the life of Peter when he said, "Lord, bid me come to you", and God said, "Come on". As he stepped out on the water with his eyes fixed on Jesus, the Lord was able to operate through faith.

The moment Peter took his eyes off Jesus, God ceased to operate, revealing that the "source" of his faith was found in the person of Jesus. **Hebrews 11:27** says, "By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." Notice, he left Egypt, "not fearing." The opposite of fear, is faith.

Obviously, he received faith! I believe the source is indicated by the phrase, "seeing him who is invisible." The "object" of our faith is the same as the "source", Jesus.

Jesus taught His disciples that they must walk in faith, in Him, as He walked in faith in His Father. In **John 6:57**, "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." Notice, Jesus lived "by the Father." Consequently, He was teaching His disciples to live "by Him." "When Jesus was faced with a situation, He trusted in, relied on, put His entire weight "upon the Father"; making it possible for the Father to take care of the situation.

His objective was to teach His disciples when facing life's situations, they were to trust in, rely on, and put their entire weight on "Him". He was teaching them how to trust and rely on Him, as He trusted and relied on, the Father.

In **John 6:47** (Amplified) "I assure you, I most solemnly tell you, he who believes in Me who adheres to, trusts in, relies on and has faith in Me - has (now possesses) eternal life." This truth of the objective of faith, is so beautifully

brought out by the words, trusts in" relies on" .Jesus used "human experiences" to illustrate spiritual truths.

These help us understand and apply them to our lives. An airplane is a good example. You can believe an airplane can carry you somewhere, yet that plane will never "get you there" until you rely on, trust in and put your weight in it.

Another one that illustrates the objective of faith, is the example of deaf people. When singing, "Only Trust Him", they picture this in the motions of "rocking a babe in their arms. "Having gone through these scriptures and illustrations, I am praying that you will see that the objective of faith is: to place yourself in complete reliance, trust and entire weight on the person of Jesus Christ. He longs for us to do this so He can be Lord and Master experientially.

Chapter One (lesson 2 of 8)

Faith Is Substance

Hebrews 11:1 "Now Faith is the Substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

The fifth verse of the one chapter of Jude says: "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed them that believed not." Isn't that amazing? Here was a group of people whom God saved out of Egypt, but would not believe Him to deliver them into Canaan. There is only one way to get saved, and that is by grace, through faith. God saved them out of Egypt but afterwards destroyed that same group because of one sin, unbelief. You can be saved from hell, yet not go on with God, and be destroyed. Not your soul. But your life can be shortened, shipwrecked, and ruined. There is no neutral ground. There is no turning back.

Let us think about the faith that will get us into the land of Canaan. When we talk about Canaan, we are talking about Christ and the filling of the Holy Spirit. Entering into Canaan is entering into the fullness of Christ. We refer to this as the abundant life, the victorious life, the spirit-filled life, the life of rest, and the life of victory. I counted, one time, about thirty different phrases, that people use, meaning the same thing about the work of the Holy Spirit.

After we meet Jesus we want to be like Him. We have a sincere desire for the Word. A man without an appetite for God's Word, causes us to wonder if he is saved. We will desire to be like Jesus.

There should be only one explanation for our lives. "God" is the only explanation for what we are and we are doing. If we can explain it on any other level, we are a failure. Most Christians' lives can be explained on a basis other than the work of God.

At one point in my "Life" God placed me in a predicament. I realized there was something missing in my faith. I asked God what was wrong with me. He showed me I had done everything He had asked me to do but trust Him. I said, "Lord, I have faith. You know I trust You."

I learned this about God. He says something, and then shuts up. He didn't say another word.

I kept telling Him that I had faith. I guess I thought He was hard of hearing.

I asked the Lord if He remembered the time I needed a tent. He provided it miraculously. Then I had to move the tent and needed a truck and trailer. I got down beside the bed and prayed. He sent a man sixty miles to my house who had never been there before. He said God told him I needed a truck and trailer. He let me use his truck, trailer, keys and credit card. I asked the Lord about that time. I reminded Him about three or four instances in my life when He had performed miracles. I kept telling the Lord I had faith. The thing about most of those miracles was they were three or four years apart. You see, they were just too old for God.

I told the Lord what I really needed was some substance. I couldn't even get to my next meeting unless I had substance. I was willing to hitch-hike. The Lord said, "Go ahead, but you can't get there until the meeting is half over." It would have taken half a week to get there. I was willing to ride the bus. He said, "Go ahead, but you can't get there until the meeting is half over." I was shut up to the fact that I had to fly or not go. I was willing to walk, fly, or anything, whatever He wanted. God really checked my heart out. Something had to happen. I had to trust God, or else.

At that time I was helping some men write a book. We had been compiling a work on salvation, and in the course of this study I ran across some things about faith that I had never seen before. The Holy Spirit brought these back to me. I turned over to the eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews and looked at the first verse, that says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Right in the middle of that verse, three words just popped out at me. "Faith is substance."

I said, "Lord, that's it. I need substance." But I still wasn't seeing it. Faith IS substance.

I said, "Lord, You know I need substance and, in fact, Lord, if You don't give me substance I'm sunk. I'm done for." God does not bow to sympathy.

I said, "Lord, if You will give me that substance I need, I promise You I will never get in this mess again." God does not bow to bargaining.

I kept looking at those three little words, "Faith is substance" and I said, "Lord, I need substance and if You will just give me that substance I will be alright. You

know I have faith." Then He showed me that "Faith IS substance", and I would have substance if have faith. (Present tense) Faith IS, not was or will be. It is right now.

I looked at that, and said, "Lord, You mean that when faith really is faith, it is substance?" I couldn't feel it, smell it, taste it, or understand it.

I said, "Lord, You mean that my problem isn't really substance, that my problem is faith?"

If faith "IS substance", and I didn't have the substance, it was obvious I didn't have faith.

I said, "Lord, I don't even know what faith is." When you get honest, God will talk with you. Faith IS Substance!

Chapter One (lesson 3 of 8)

Faith Is Intellectual

When I admitted I didn't Know What faith Was!

He showed me there are three elements of faith: **intellectual**, **emotional**, and **volitional**. It wasn't hard to see I had intellectual faith. Intellectual faith believes that God can do anything.

I believed that God could do anything. But we are mixed up. We think believing God can do anything is faith.

The Bible says on several occasions, "according to thy faith so be it", which simply means God is working according to your faith.

The problem was, I said I had faith, but God was obviously not working in meeting my needs. I just kept reminding God about all this faith I had and He kept saying, "where is the substance?" Do you believe God can do anything?

There are a lot of things we believe He can do, that He is not doing. What is wrong? Lack of faith!

You must realize that this intellectual element of faith is necessary.

You've got to believe that God is, and that God can do anything. But that is not Bible faith.

That is just part of it. The devil has this kind of faith. Satan and his demons believe that God can do anything. They have intellectual faith. In fact, Satan and his demons have the next element of faith.

Faith Is Emotional

This is Emotional Faith

I continued to see God's promises, and believed God could do anything. Even though I believe He could do anything, He did not do a thing. When you see that He CAN do something and it is His will to do it for you. something happens inside. Especially in my predicament!

I was wanting Him to do it, and wishing He would do it, and hoping He would do it. I started anticipating Him doing it and by this time I was fasting and praying.

I told God what a good evangelist He was about to lose if He didn't do something. I played on His sympathy, trying to bargain. Do you know what God said? Nothing!

You can wish, hope, want, and desire, (and hope, by the way, is not faith, it is just a part of it), and anticipate, but not have "substance". I believed God could and because I believed He could, I wanted Him to, so badly I could hardly stand it. This is about as far as most of us ever get in our faith life. We get to those first two areas where we know He can, and we want Him to, so we give mental assent and pray and sometimes even fast. Then we wish and hope and very seldom anything happens.

Faith Is Volitional

Now God Is Solving This Problem

I meant business, Because I knew I was "out of business". At last I came to that third element, the volitional element. This means you have a will in your person. That will has the ability to accept or reject a given situation. Your whole human body responds to that act of the will. When your will acts, your whole body reacts. I saw that God could, and I wanted Him to. In order for God to do something, I had to act on his revealed truth. I realized that faith is intellectual, emotional, and volitional. Do you mean that faith is acting on the Word of God? I saw that faith is acting, and a consistent acting that bids the eternal truth of God to be present fact, as if it is so.

The Lord revealed to me that I not only must believe that He can meet a need and want Him to, but when I can't see it, feel it, smell it, taste it, hear it, or understand it; I have got to step out on His Word and act like a thing is so when it is not, in order for it to be so. I backed off and looked at that like a calf looks at a new gate.

- I said, "Lord, what if I fail?"
- God said, "Who said you are a success?"
- I came to the conclusion that I had rather fail, trusting Jesus, than to sit there and doubt.

- This is the "grace of faith", the natural faith that God gives every person.
- I said, "Lord, I don't understand it."
- He said, "That is not your business."
- I said, "How are You going to do it?"
- He said, "That is none of your business."
- We have only one business, and that is to believe. Do you mean that faith is actions? You have got to act like a thing is so when it is not, in order for it to be so.
- I said, "Sink or swim, live or die, I'm going to trust God."

After writing down on a page in my Bible, "NOW, God is solving this problem", I walked out of the office and told this to a preacher. If you don't tell somebody, the devil will back you up. You must make such a commitment, that there is no way back. I said, "Today God is solving this problem."

The preacher said, "How do you know?"

I said, "Don't confuse me, don't even say a word. I'm standing on the word of God and that settles it."

Immediately God took over. I saw that faith in intellectual, emotional, and volitional. Faith is "acting". [Mark 11:24](#) says, "Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever you desire, when ye pray, believe (act) that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Faith is acting as though a thing is so, when it is not so, in order for it to be so, because it is so.

Let us drop down on a human level for an illustration. Just suppose you came into an auditorium and stood in the back for a while. You looked over the church pews. You could understand, or believe intellectually, that one of those pews could hold you up. Regardless of how much you believed the pew could hold you up, as long as you stood at the back, would that pew be holding you up? It doesn't make any difference how much you believed it could, as long as you stood, it would not be holding you up. Regardless of how much intellectual faith you had about the ability of that pew, it still would not be doing the work it was designed to do. If you stood ten hours you would want it to hold you up! Regardless of the intensity of that want, would the pew be holding you up as long as you are standing at the back? No! If you believe it could (intellectual), and you want it to (emotional), you make a choice for that pew to hold you up. When you make that choice (volitional), what happens to your body? Your body responds to that choice, and you deposit your body in the pew. Does the pew hold you up when it can, and you want it to, or does the pew hold you up after you act? You have to act in complete confidence, before the pew can do for you what it is designed to do.

Which comes first, believing or receiving? Anyone can believe after they receive. You have to act first. It's that acting that puts you at the disposal of the pew; therefore, you receive because you are at the disposal of the pew. Take that and move it into the realm of trusting Christ. When you were

saved by the grace of God, how did you get saved? By grace through faith. You were under conviction, you understood that Christ was God, and He could save you. What kind of faith is that? If you are really saved, you wanted to get saved. Because you believed He could save you, and you wanted Him to save you, there came a moment in your life when you said, "sink or swim, live or die, I'm going on." The moment you made that choice you were saved. Which came first, believing or receiving? "As ye therefore receive Jesus Christ your Lord - walk ye in Him."

The whole walk of Christianity is just like getting saved. A man must believe before he can receive. That means, act like it is so when it is not, in order for it to be so. The Bible is filled with examples.

Ten lepers came to see Jesus. They said, "Lord, heal us." These lepers believed that Jesus could heal them or they would not have come. That is intellectual faith.

Jesus said, "Go tell the priest."

Do you know what He was really saying? When a Jew was healed of leprosy outside the camp, he was sent inside the camp to see the priest. The priest went through a ceremony and the man was sent home. Jesus was telling the lepers to go in as though they were healed.

Jesus said, "Go tell the priest."

"But, we are not healed. We believe, and we want you to heal us so badly, won't you please do it?" That was emotional faith. He never said another word.

Do you know when they were healed? When they believed He could? When they wanted Him to?

The Bible says, "As they went."

As they acted, they were healed. You have to believe first, then receive. Christ is Lord and Master of your life and circumstances only when you believe. When you were saved, you believed and then received.

It is this kind of believing that places you at His disposal where He can be God in your life. He cannot manifest Himself until you allow Him to. That is why you have to believe first and then receive. It is believing that places you at the disposal of Christ. Jesus will bow only to faith. You can beg Him all day. He does not bow to sympathy. You can bargain all day and He'll not bargain. But He will operate when you believe.

God told Abraham he would have a son. He told Sarah she would be a mother. For twenty years they tried their best, and didn't get anywhere.

On day Abraham said, "God, it's too late."

The promise was still there. Abraham could not get away from that promise. Abraham turned to that promise and looked at the reality of the deadness of his wife's body

and his body, but the promise was still there. He delayed the work of God for twenty years "trying his best."

One day he started calling those things which were not, as though they were. He didn't wait until he found out Sarah was expecting the baby to say, "I am a daddy." If you don't believe it, turn to Romans the fourth chapter and start with the seventeenth verse.

He said, "Hallelujah! Praise God, I'm a daddy."

I can hear those people now, "Listen to that old man, what's he talking about?"

But Abraham gave glory to God, calling those things which were not, as though they were. And they were!

Somehow, and somehow, in all your doing, get to the place where you can trust Christ. Anyone can believe after they receive.

When are you going to believe your prayers are answered? When they are answered? Anyone can believe then. First, believe, then receive.

How can that be? That is God's business.

We have one work.

The disciples asked Jesus, "What is it that we might work the works of God?"

Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom the Father hath sent."

Our job is to believe.

What about soul winning, etc?

To understand the "nature of faith" you must realize when your faith is right, your action is right. Your work, your character and everything else is right. Our sin is the sin of unbelief.

If you have a problem of jealousy, your faith is wrong. Get your faith right and your jealousy will be overcome.

If you are not a soul winner, your problem is not "soul winning", it is unbelief. Get your faith right and you will be a soul winner. That is what the book of James and the book of Galatians teaches.

Can you stand living in the poverty that you are living in? We are not talking about material poverty, but spiritual poverty.

There is only one way to move God out of Heaven, into earth, and that is by faith. He cannot stand it. I do not like to say this, but it is obvious in the Bible, that even when there have been questionable things in people's lives, and yet they believed, God "moved". In the life of Abraham, David and other men, He moved when there were questionable things in their lives. The reason I brought this out is, not that you ought to have questionable things in your life, you ought to be pure and clean.

But, God responds to faith. Faith is volitional!

Scripture Memorization

Now God Is Solving This Problem

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Mark 11:24 (NIV)

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Jude 1:5 (NIV)

Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord ⁵ delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.

⁵ Some early manuscripts Jesus

Romans 14:23 (NIV)

But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Chapter One Review

1. _____ is calling those things which are not as though they are.
2. Whatsoever is not of faith is _____.
3. Faith enables the believer to treat the future as (a) _____ and the invisible as (b) _____.
4. Faith is the _____ of things hoped for.
5. An Old Testament type for the fullness of Christ is the land of _____.
6. There is only supposed to be one explanation for your life, that _____ is the only explanation of what you are and what you are doing.
7. God does not bow to (a) _____ or (b) _____.
8. If you don't have the substance, it is because you don't have the _____.
9. The three elements of faith are (a) _____, (b) _____ and (c) _____.
10. "I believe that God can do anything." This quote is an example of _____ faith.
11. Satan and his demons have the (a) _____ and (b) _____ elements of faith.
12. I want God to, I am hoping He will, and if He doesn't I won't be able to stand it. This is an example of the _____ element of faith.
13. Mental assent involves the (a) _____ and (b) _____ elements of faith.
14. Exercising man's will is an example of _____ faith.
15. The will has the ability to (a) _____ or (b) _____ given situation.
16. Faith is _____ as though a thing is so when it is not so in order for it to be so.

17. Explain in your own words, **Mark 11:24** _____
 18. What element of faith places you at God's disposal? _____
 19. Which comes first, believing or receiving? _____
 20. We are saved by grace through _____
 21. Jesus will only bow, or be moved by _____
 22. We have one work and that is to _____
 23. When your faith is right, your _____ will be right.
 24. There is only one way to move GOD out of heaven and into earth, and that is by _____
 25. The greatest sin in the life of a Christian is _____.
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Chapter One (lesson 8 of 8)

Chapter One Quiz

Introduction to Faith

Quiz Score: ____ out of 100

1. What is rendering present that which is hoped for called in the Bible? (20 points)
 - (a) A strong imagination
 - (b) A lot of Hope
 - (c) Bible believing Faith
 - (d) Magic
2. Whatsoever is not of Faith is _____ (20 points)
3. "Satan and his demons have a degree of faith"(10 points):
 - (a) True
 - (b) False
4. What are the three elements of Faith? (20 points)
 - (a) Volitional, Intellectual, Emotional
 - (b) Hope, Hard Work, Strong Desire
5. What comes before you receive from God? _____(10 points)
6. How are we saved by Grace? (10 points)
 - (a) By reading the Bible
 - (b) Going to Church
 - (c) Working for the Lord
 - (d) Through Faith
7. The greatest sin in the life of a Christian is ____ (10 points)
 - (a) Not going to Church
 - (b) Not reading the Bible
 - (c) Not praying
 - (d) The sin of Unbelief

CHAPTER TWO

How To Know The Will Of God

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

"For by it the elders obtained a good report." That verse of scripture meant to me, most of my life, that by faith, these great men of God that are mentioned here in this eleventh chapter, were given a good report by God. This is the way most Bible interpreters read it.

The Amplified says this: "For by faith, and trust and holy fervor borne of faith, the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report."

There is a testimony witness involved and a report obtained. There is a two- fold experience here. Look at this verse in the light of the context of the eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews. We ought to be living in such a world that we have to ask the Lord to make us earthly enough to minister. Instead, we ask the Lord to make us spiritual enough to minister! We are earthly when we should be heavenly. While we are living here, we should be there so much that much of there comes here so that we can get folk here, back there.

Jesus said, "I am both here and there."

One of the biggest shocks we're going to receive when we get to heaven is realizing we were there while we were here.

I am telling you this to get us in the spiritual realm because this is not going to be mentally comprehended. You may memorize it, but you can only get what I'm saying by divine revelation. So, your prayers should be, "Oh God, get me out of myself that I might see, not with these eyes, but with the eyes of my heart."

The main question is, "How do I know the will of God?"

Have you ever heard people ask, "How do I know how to have faith? Where does it come from?"

Jesus had a visitor one night named Nicodemus. Nicodemus said in essence, "Lord, how can I get to heaven?"

Jesus said, "Nicodemus, there are two worlds. There is a physical world that you have been born into by the flesh. There is a spiritual world and you are born into that world by the spirit."

It is obvious from what Jesus said following that, that the mind cannot comprehend the spirit world. The greatest thing that happens to you when you are saved, is not that you are going to miss hell and go to heaven, but that you take on a capacity to know God and live in the spirit world, while you're still here physically.

Just to think, that one day I met Him, and I can know Him, and I do know Him, and it wasn't left up to my intellectual

capacity. I can't explain it but that's the greatest thing that ever happened to me knowing God, and taking on the capacity to know God.

This experience of the new birth opens up and makes possible for the inner man, the spirit man, to come alive to God.

There are three parts of a man: body, soul, and spirit.

When a man is saved his spirit comes "alive to God". The spirit is already alive, but it is dead to God. Somebody asked me once how you could know the voice of God. Get saved, and you'll know. That's a hard statement, I know, but it's true. I have "thought" God said a lot to me, but every time God really said something to me, I didn't think, I knew. You don't even question it. When God speaks, you know. The amazing thing, because it is contrary to nature, that's how you know.

Chapter Two (lesson 2 of 12)

If In Doubt Don't

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

My motto is, "If there is doubt, don't."

God doesn't fool with doubting or with talking in doubts, or the vernacular. He is definite!

When a person is saved, because he takes on the capacity to know God, he has the ability within his spirit to see, to hear, and to know. Paul said, "We do not walk by sight but by faith."

He is saying that we do not walk by eye sight, or by reasoning.

We talk about a spiritual world, and a physical world. We must realize which one a person is talking about. One phrase in the Bible will be from the spirit world and the next one will be from a physical world. If you tie it all down physical, you misinterpret the Word. Paul said, "We walk not by sight", and he's talking about physical sight, and the walk by faith is talking about walking by spiritual sight. He said that we look not at the things which are seen, but those things which are not seen. Isn't that an unusual statement?

Here is a man, an intellectual fellow, that has a lot of sense, saying, "I'm not looking at the things that are seen, I'm looking at something that is not seen." He was saying that he was not looking at something he could see with his naked eyes, but something with his spiritual eyes.

He said, "For the things which are seen, are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Peter walked with Jesus a long time and one day said, "Thou are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Jesus told Peter, flesh and blood hadn't let him see that. God had opened some other eyes. That's what happens to you when you are saved. God goes beyond your intellect, your eyes, your senses, and opens your heart. The eyes of your heart are opened and you see yourself a sinner, and Christ the Saviour, and you just trust and respond to what you see from the heart.

Chapter Two (lesson 3 of 12)

Faith Sees What God Sees

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

John was on the Isle of Patmos in the spirit on the Lord's day and he saw!

There was an old prophet and a young prophet back in the Old Testament. The young prophet walked out one morning and saw all this army encamped about him. It scared him half to death and he ran back into the house. The old prophet said, "Lord, let the scales fall of his eyes so that he might see." He walked back and looked and the clouds were just filled with chariots. The mighty host of Israel had encamped about. They were there all the time, but the first time he looked, he saw with the physical, and the second time he saw with the eyes of his heart.

Job said in Job 42:5, "There was a time when I heard you with the hearing of my ears." He said, "After what I have been through, I see you", and in the original it says, "with my spiritual eyes."

In Ephesians, the first chapter, Paul says, "I am going to pray for you that you might have knowledge . . . and that it might be revealed - to your spiritual eyes that they might be opened." This is what we need to see. I have given you a few scriptures to have enough evidence to show you that a child of God has spiritual eyes and spiritual ears. I heard the Word of God a thousand times, before I really heard it. Even now, after being a Christian, I read the Bible over, and over, and one day I'll look at a verse, and it just jumps out and gets up and walks all over with me. What happens? I see it with my spiritual eyes. This is God giving you the truth by revelation. This is your privilege, your delight, your obligation. This is the way God talks with you. Of course, we always try to categorize it. We always come up with systems and men. We make plans to follow a system, or follow men instead of getting with the Book and following the Words of Jesus.

Do you know enough scriptures to show you that a child of God has the ability to see and hear? Do you understand what we are talking about? Not

only do we as children of God have the capacity to see things that are not seen and hear things that are not heard, but the Holy Spirit speaks to our spirits. This is not mysticism, it is the Word of God.

I am not talking about visions. Although I believe people can have visions I am a little afraid of them myself. The devil can give you a vision as well as a sign. If you tell someone about an experience you've had he wants to have it. God is original He never duplicates! If two people have the same kind of experience you can pretty well mark it down that the Lord was not in it. He is always fresh and never runs out. He doesn't serve old eggs.

Not only do we "have a capacity" to see and hear in the spirit, but there are some things "up there" to be seen and heard. It says in the Bible that the Holy Spirit has to reveal it in the word of God. God opens up the word to you and you see it.

One of the greatest examples of seeing things that are not seen and hearing things that are not heard is the prayer: "Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." They call this the model prayer of Jesus. This is the apostles' prayer. Jesus was telling them to pray, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is being done where? In Heaven! Do you mean there is something going on up in Heaven? You know there is!

Chapter Two (lesson 4 of 12)

How to Know God's Will

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

The perfect, unlimited will of God is being done!

He said, "Now pray that what's going on up there, might start and go on down here".

There is something up there to see. The will of God!

Jesus told the disciples to pray it. It's the prayer they prayed. God's will is being perfectly carried on today in Heaven.

He said, "Pray then, that the will of the Father that's being done in Heaven, might be done in earth".

This is to show us that there is something up there to be seen and heard. The will of God!

God has his perfect will provided for and Hebrews says, "Waiting on somebody to believe, so He can transfer it out of Heaven into earth". Our business is to be the medium by which it is transferred out of heaven into earth. This is where we fail. We are not plugged in.

We are so immature and shallow going around saying, "Lord, I'm willing to leave it up to you, whatever you want to do this week". That's not cooperation. The devil would be delighted to let you have a hundred people saved this week, if God wanted to save a thousand. He's a strategist.

Matthew 16:19 in the King James Version says: "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven and

whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." It says whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. In the Amplified, it says: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind, that is declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be already bound in heaven." He says, whatever you look out there and see that is unbound, unlawful, ungodly, contrary to the will of God and is going on a ram- page on earth, you look into heaven and see what heaven says about it, and if it is already bound in heaven, He says you bind it here.

The next phrase says, "Whatever you loose on earth, declare lawful, must be already loosed in heaven." The reason we are in such a mess, we get a little old plan and say, "Now, God, bless it." We ought to look into heaven and see what His plan is, and then transfer it out of heaven into earth. He says, "Look into heaven and see what is bound in heaven then bind it in earth. You look into heaven and see what is loosed and then you loose it on earth.

Do you want to be a successful Christian today? Find out what God is doing in heaven, and join Him. That's not hard to understand. I'm not under

obligation to bind anything in earth unless it is first bound in heaven. Jesus was God, but He checked in with heaven. He wanted to leave us a perfect example and He said, "I do the will of My Father." This whole thing originates and starts with the child of God seeing what is the will of God in heaven, and responding and bringing it into earth. The moment you can look in and know what God's mind is, you have no trouble with faith.

Let's look at the example of a man by the name of Elijah. You have heard preachers preach on how Elijah prayed and prayed and prayed and stopped heaven up for three years and six months. But have you heard a sermon about the fact that when he looked out over Israel, and saw they needed a revival, and was in such a dilemma that he didn't know what to do, he went out and prayed and "checked into heaven"? God took him over to the water department and said, "Now here is my plan, son". God showed him the water department had plans for a three years and six months drought. He said, "I believe it".

God said, "You go down there and tell them, and I'll perform it".

That's exactly what happened. That thing didn't originate with Elijah. Elijah didn't get off out there under some bush somewhere and say, "Now, God, I've got a plan that will shake this bunch of devils up, and we'll have a revival if you'll just send them a drought for three years and six months.

Elijah was in such a state of desperation that he got with God and while he was still in earth, the spirit of God showed him what the plan, purpose and will of God was, in heaven.

He saw it, he believed it, he embraced it, he confessed it. What you confess, God performs.

Chapter Two (lesson 5 of 12)

How Faith Works In Worship

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

The book of Hebrews says, first, Abel worshipped God; second, Enoch walked with God; third, Noah worked with God. What we basically do in the church is this. We get people saved, and we put them to work before they ever worship. We do not know how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in worship. Some people think they have learned to cooperate with God in worship by singing and a few other things.

We have the audacity to put out on our church signs, "Worship Service". When you worship God you won't have to advertise it.

Worship is the first thing that should take place in the life of a believer. Cain and Abel came to the altar and made an offering. One God rejected, the other He accepted. What was the difference? He knew the man's heart. What was God's response to the man that He accepted? He committed Himself for time and eternity to that man.

Worship is twofold. It's you on the altar so adequately, that a Holy God, (that is so Holy He cannot even look upon sin), can come and consume your life. You have never worshipped until God has consumed you. You can confess until you are blue in the face, name a million sins, and everything else, but until God commits Himself to you in salvation, you are not saved; and until He comes and commits Himself to you in your experience of worship you have not worshipped. Let that be your standard instead of your feelings and your opinions. How will I know when it happens? You will know. What kind of experience will I have? I didn't say anything about experience. You will just simply know.

We come to the altar, we confess and we do everything the preachers say to do, but that's not good enough. We need to get to such a place of repentance that it's possible for a Holy God to come. That's why it is necessary to repent to be saved. The Holy Spirit is gracious enough to bring you there so a Holy God can come and commit Himself to you. That is worship! And when you worship, you're changed.

But, most of our meetings are made up with messages and experiences where our intellects are expanded and our emotions are thrilled and we go home and say, "God was there today", and we have not changed one iota. God was not there. Every time you meet God you will change.

When I step off a plane my wife can tell if I've met God during my meeting. She knows it, because she can see the difference. There is a difference every time you meet Him.

What we do is sit around, and God does meet with one or two, maybe, in a meeting and we get a blessing. God was there today! If He didn't change you, you didn't worship. When the Magi came to Jesus when He was a baby, they went back a different way.

You must worship, because it's that state of worship that makes it possible for a Holy God to get you out where He can give you spiritual things. This life is so earthly it has to have a state of repentance, so a Holy God can come and communicate with you. He can't communicate with you on the level of your natural being. Therefore, it is necessary for you to have troubles and difficulties, to have stress and get upset and disturbed. This is necessary. When you are worshipping God in a state of repentance, letting God have the sacrifice, He knows when the sacrifice is complete. He won't commit Himself until it is. There can't be one toe off of that altar. There must be all on the altar and when it is, He'll meet with you. That is worship.

Chapter Two (lesson 6 of 12)

Learning To Walk In Faith

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Have you ever noticed a little baby when it is starting to walk? You don't stand behind it and push it, do you? You get before it and with the loudest and most unusual things you can find, you start coaxing it. When they start seeing something they start wanting it, and the first thing you know they want it so badly they start working at getting up. They fall down, they stumble, but after a while, if you keep holding before them whatever the object might be, they start taking a few steps. That's how you learn to walk, you start "seeing". You see what His will is, and you may stumble for a long time, but the first thing you know, you start walking.

When I was a little boy in Mississippi, I had horses, and a goat with a buggy. But I'll never forget my parents bringing a Sears catalog in one day. I was looking through it and I saw a bicycle. I didn't even know there was such a contraption. I looked at that bicycle and I saw myself riding that bicycle. So, I went to my daddy and said, "Daddy, I want a bicycle." Have you ever built air castles? I look for this in my children. What kind of imagination do they have? It's that ability to see those air castles that causes them to get up and go. Men without a vision perish. Can you get the spiritual connection? Don't lose your vision. When you get saved, then you let your vision be His vision. You start riding the bicycle. How do you find the will of God? Are you willing to pay the price to worship? When we worship, He speaks.

Once you start worshipping, you start walking and when you start walking, you can go to work. You've got something to work on. God gave Noah the blue-print and the dimensions of the ark. God told him exactly how to make it.

You can't work until you've first worshipped and walked. Then you are a co-laborer, not just a laborer. That means Christ is your strength. Christ is your wisdom All you're doing is just cooperating with Him. That is where you get your faith.

If you walked into a building, and you were blind and could not see, you would not know the pews could hold you up, but the moment you looked at them you knew they could hold you up. Therefore, you had faith in the pews. Where does that human faith come from? It's caused by sight.

Where does spiritual faith come from? Jesus had no problem with Lazarus, He saw him alive. When you see a fellow alive, that's dead, it's no problem believing that he is going to be all right.

John is not worried about me getting to heaven. When he looked in up there that day on the Isle of Patmos he saw me. He knows I'm on the way.

Chapter Two (lesson 7 of 12)

The Book Of Revelation "Faith Wins"

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

That's one reason God gave us the Book of Revelation. Theologians have the idea that He gave it to us so we can come out with all these millennial views. That is part of it. But the greatest reason is to let you read the last chapter. We ought to be happy, because we know how it all ends! Have you ever read a book and skipped over to the last chapter to see how it was going to turn out? All of those awful predicaments that man or woman may have gotten into, in between, didn't worry you a bit. You knew they were going to come out all right.

This verse, "By faith they got a report", does not mean that these great men of God had no troubles. "In their troubles" they went out and worshipped God. In that experience of worship, they sought the will, plan, purpose and provision of God. And when they saw it they were persuaded of it. They embraced it. They confessed it. And God performed it.

Hebrews 11:13 "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them." They saw something. They saw the will of God in heaven. After they saw it, they were persuaded of it. After they were persuaded of it, they embraced it. That means they acted on it and counted it so. What you believe with your heart, you confess. What you confess, God brings to pass. In the mind and heart and the life of God, He saw this world before it became this world.

Then He spake it into being. He built an air castle and this world came out of nothing.

The seventeenth verse: "By faith Abraham, when he was tried." He had a real problem. After twenty years of waiting and believing God for a son (he was around a hundred years old) and then God says, "Sacrifice him." That was a trial. Especially as it goes contrary to the promise. That's why God is so hard to understand. We think God contradicts Himself. At this point in Abraham's life there was a contradiction. But there is never a contradiction in God. The only reason you and I feel like there is sometimes, is because we don't see the end.

Our problem today is we've got so many friends, neighbors, and loved ones. We have everything so convenient that we don't have much trouble. We don't have many difficulties. We've got doctors and preachers if we get in trouble. If we have spiritual problems, we go to a counselor. He tells us our troubles and we get a head full of answers, but it still doesn't work.

One hundred-fifty years ago there were none of these modern conveniences that would keep you out of trouble. People didn't have them and they had to go to God. That's the reason there were men with spiritual backbones like logs. Deacons knew more about God in those days than preachers do today. It's because they had to get alone and find out what God said. They had crisis experiences and that's what we want to stay away from. In distress He enlarged me. I'm afraid of distress. That's our problem. We are not willing to get into trouble so God can talk to us. Afraid we're going to fail.

Chapter Two (lesson 8 of 12)

Abraham's Faith

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Abraham had trouble! "Offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, that in Isaac shall thy seed be called: accounting that God was able to raise him up; even from the dead; from whence also." Watch this last phrase, "from whence he also received him in a figure." Abraham must have seen something. This is what really happened. Abraham, when God said offer up that son, Isaac; went out in a dilemma and worshipped God. You would have gotten desperate enough to have an answer from heaven, also. That's what happened to Abraham. While he was out there in that experience, in that dilemma, something happened to him. He looked and saw the will of God. The will of God is in the now, not the yesterdays and the tomorrows. When he saw the will of God, he saw his son in a figure.

If you don't believe it recall Jesus talking to some Jews over around Jerusalem one day. In essence He said, "You call

yourselves the sons of Abraham. If you were the sons of Abraham you would be doing the works of Abraham. Abraham rejoiced. Abraham saw my day, and he rejoiced in it. A thousand years before I got here he saw me here and rejoiced about it."

Do you know what happened when Abraham was called on to worship and offer up his son? He went up and worshipped God. He saw the Lamb of God coming into the world. When he saw that Lamb, he knew that son had to live or there would never have been a Son of God. He saw Jesus Christ, and that fellow got so much faith, he wasn't afraid. God could raise Isaac from the dead. That meant He would raise him from the ashes. For a man to have been sacrificed, meant he was put on the altar, stabbed, the blood drained from him, and his body burned to ashes.

Abraham, after he saw Jesus thousands of years in the future, went to his servants and said, "Get the wood, fire, knife, mules and let's go." He headed into the mountains. When he got to the mountain, he said, "You servants stay here, WE will be back."

Where did he get such faith? **Hebrews 11:2**. He got the report! He wasn't worried about the ram, because he'd seen the Lamb. We worry about the ram. How is God going to do it? Have you every thought about that? God had the ram headed up the side of that mountain the same time Abraham and Isaac were headed up the other side. Abraham was occupied with the Lamb, not the ram. Where did he get his faith. He saw something by spiritual sight.

Chapter Two (lesson 9 of 12)

Moses Parents Faith

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

You have many illustrations in this chapter. Let us look at Moses' mother and daddy. "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child." That word "proper" is the key. They saw who that little fellow was. Do you know what the opposite of faith is? Fear. So the opposite of fear, is faith. Notice the next phrase. "After they saw who he was, they were not afraid of the king's commandment. The devil advised the king, and said, "You had better watch, Jesus might come in on this thing. You had better get rid of all these boy-babies." He had the mid-wives to kill all the boy-babies. Little Moses came along and when mama and daddy looked down in his face and saw who he was, they weren't afraid. They got the report.

This is one of the greatest promises to parents in the Bible. I hope you will take it and so apply it to your children that you can see God's will done in their lives.

That mother's faith was so great she fixed a little basket, put it down in that snake and crocodile infested river, and they

couldn't touch him. God sent an Egyptian woman down by the river that hated and despised Jews. Yet, she loved Moses. God made the devil's daughter love that baby, and turned around and hired the baby's own mama to be baby-sitter. God made the devil pay the diaper bill, the milk bill, provide the bed, feed him, and educate him. Moses still came out glorifying God, through the university of hell.

In this day and time when most of our universities have nothing to offer our kids, I hope you have found out that your children are here for some greater reason than some whim of the flesh. Have you ever found out why they are here? Have you ever asked why God let you have that boy or girl?

Hebrews 11:24-27 says, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's

daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." You could stop right there, but the next verse is very simple and says almost the same thing: "By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." He marched out of that place, a king, with more authority than all the kings of Egypt. We can understand why faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. These men of God heard, and believed. They saw . . . , they were persuaded . . . , they embraced the promises . . . , then they confessed. And when you confess, Jesus said, "Whosoever shall say . . shall have whatsoever he saith." **Mark 11:23** This kind of faith which speaks to mountains, will change the world. This is the "Activity of Faith".

Chapter Two (lesson 10 of 12)

Chapter 2 Scripture Memorization

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrew 11:2-6 (NIV)

Hebrew 11:2

This is what the ancients were commended for.

Hebrew 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrew 11:4

By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

Hebrew 11:5

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

Hebrew 11: 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.

Job 42:5 (NIV)

My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

Hebrews 11:13 (NIV)

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

Matthew 16:19 (NIV)

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be ¹⁹ bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be ¹⁹ loosed in heaven."

¹⁹ Or have been

Mark 11:23 (NIV)

"I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

Chapter 2 Review

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

1. Jesus said, "I am both (a) _____ and (b) _____"
2. Jesus told Nicodemus that there are two worlds (a) _____ and (b) _____
3. The greatest thing about salvation is that you take on the capacity to know _____
4. The three parts of man are (a) _____, (b) _____ and (c) _____
5. The new birth makes it possible for the inner man, the spiritual man, to become _____ unto God!
6. Man has within his _____ the ability to see, to hear, to know God!
7. Paul said we look not at things which are seen, but things which _____
8. When John was on the Isle of Patmos, which eyes do you believe he was looking through? His _____ spiritual eyes or his physical eyes? _____
9. **Job 42:5** I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear but now _____
10. A child of God has spiritual (a) _____ and spiritual (b) _____
11. Not only do we have the capacity to see and hear God (spiritual matters) but there is something to be (a) _____ and (b) _____
12. Hallowed by thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done" on earth _____ in _____ heaven.
13. God's will is being perfectly carried on right now in _____
14. God is waiting for us to _____ so that he can transfer His perfect will out of heaven _____ and into earth.
15. Whatever you bind or loose MUST already be bound or loosed in _____
16. God's plans originate in _____
17. If you want to be successful find out what God is doing and _____
18. Abel (a) _____ God, Enoch (b) _____ God, and Noah (c) _____ God.
19. God sometimes rejects a man when he comes to the altar because God _____
20. In order for a Holy God to commit Himself unto man, man must _____
21. When a man truly worships God, he will be _____ (**II Corinthians 5:17**)
22. Men without a _____ perish.
23. Human faith (ie. sitting in a pew) is caused by _____
24. Spiritual faith comes by _____
25. When they saw the promise they were (a) _____, then they (b) _____, then they (c) _____ God performed it.
26. What you believe with your heart, you _____ and then God brings it to pass.
27. Abraham acted on the revealed truth of God because he had received Isaac _____
28. Abraham _____ to see Jesus' day.
29. Abraham wasn't worried about the _____ because he had seen the _____
30. Moses' parents _____ he was a proper child.
31. What is the opposite of faith? _____
32. Moses endured as seeing Him who is _____
33. Faith cometh by _____

Chapter two Quiz

The Will Of God

Quiz Score: _____ out of 100

1. What are the two worlds that Jesus told Nicodemus about? (20 points)
 - (a) Physical and Spiritual world
 - (b) Invisible world
 - (c) Lost world
 - (d) New world
 2. The greatest thing about salvation is that you take on the capacity to know? _____ (20 points)
 3. "A child of God has spiritual eyes and ears"(10 points)
 - (a) True
 - (b) False
 4. What are the three parts of man? (20 points)
 - (a) body,soul and spirit
 - (b) head,body and heart
 5. The new birth makes it possible for man to be what to God? _____ (10 points)
 6. If you want to be successful find out what God is doing and ? (10 points)
 - (a) Call a friend
 - (b) Thank Him
 - (c) Give money to the poor
 - (d) Get in on it!
 7. The greatest sin in the life of a Christian is (10 points)
 - (a) Not going to Church
 - (b) Not reading the Bible
 - (c) Not praying
 - (d) The sin of Unbelief
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CHAPTER THREE

The Power Of Faith

Go thy way; as thou hast believed

In **Matthew 8:13** Jesus said unto the centurion, 'Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.' " In other words, He said, "I'll work according to your faith." "And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour." The centurion had real faith. In **Matthew 9:22**, "But Jesus turned him about, and when He saw her, He said 'Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.' And the woman

was made whole from that hour." Verse twenty-nine of the ninth chapter: "Then touched He their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith be it unto you'."

Faith is the key to move God out of heaven into earth. This is the only principle by which God works. God does not know anything about sympathy. He knows about compassion. Sympathy is the soulish element of man. You cannot play on God's sympathy. He will not bow because you are in trouble and need sympathy. God will not respond to sympathy. God only bows and moves to faith. Even when you see God move out of heaven into earth, it is because God has found someone that believed.

The nature of faith is this: intellectual, emotional, and volitional. The volitional act of faith, (acting as a thing is so, when it is not, in order for it to be so) places you at the disposal of Christ. Only when you are at His disposal are you allowing Him to be Lord and Master. This is why faith must be a day by day action.

A woman said to me one day that she had great faith. Before she left, she said, "Please pray for my children that they might get saved." If she had such great faith she would not have to ask me to pray. Faith is that act on your part that places you at God's disposal. The works that come from being at God's disposal, energized by the Holy Spirit, naturally will be there. They will be there spontaneously. You will have to backslide on God to keep from doing them.

Chapter Three (lesson 2 of 7)

What Is Faith?

Faith is so acting on the revealed Word of God.

When you see the principle and the nature of faith, you will find out that every sin you have in your life is the result of unbelief. This means that you have displaced yourself from trusting Christ. He can't fill you. You can't work the works of God, because you are not at His disposal. The only person that is pleasing to God is the person that is standing in the will of God, on the Word. Find a promise. Then act on the promise, and you will have success. You can't always find a promise, but the Holy Spirit will give you such a witness that it is settled. Until you are actively stepping out on the revealed truth of God, you are not a pleasure to God.

The Word of God says that signs shall follow them that believe. Are there signs and wonders following you? Faith is not what God is going to do, or what He has done, but it is what He is doing! What are you personally believing God for right now? Food? Clothing? House? Home? That's not the kind of faith I am talking about. Some of the biggest devils in town have better homes, better clothes, better cars and better food than you have. That comes under the mercy of God. I know some dogs that eat better than some people, and live in better houses.

The point I am trying to make is this: Faith is so acting on the revealed Word of God that God has to perform a miracle to keep it. When people around you see miracles of God, then they are going to say that there is only one explanation for your life, and that is God. You have got a testimony. Until then you might as well keep your mouth shut. You are like the woman who said, "I have great faith, pray for my children."

A dear lady, a lawyer's wife, came to me one time in Jackson, Mississippi. She said, "I have a friend in this town that I was raised with, and she is lost. I've been calling her every day and the maid said she is not in, but I know she is. She won't come to the phone and I want her saved so badly I can't stand it. They owned a big casino in Las Vegas and I

prayed and prayed for this girl. God burned that thing down and brought her back here to Jackson. Her husband is a big gambler and he is connected with politics. I can't get to her. What do you think I ought to do?"

I said, "I am going to tell you two things. First, you ought to go home and make sure you are right with God. When you know there is nothing between your life and God, you come back to see me."

The next morning she came in. Her eyes were swollen, and I could tell she had been weeping.

When the services were over she came and said, "Preacher, as far as I know there is nothing between my soul and my Saviour. What is next?"

I stuck out my hand and said, "Sister, the Bible says where two agree touching anything, He will do it. Will you agree with me that God is saving her soul now?"

She pulled back. She said, "Now? I can't even get her to church."

"That's not your business. Your business is to believe God."

She said, "How is God going to do it?"

"That's not your business either. Your business is to believe God. Will you agree with me that God is saving her now?"

She shook, she trembled, and she couldn't understand it. That was Thursday morning. I said, "Lady HOW God saves that woman is not your business. WHEN He saves her is not your business. Once you come to the place of faith, you enjoy it just like it is already being done." Sometimes God gives assurance that He is going to save your loved ones. You trust Him and He does it by a certain time. But that is not the case every time. He said, "Trust Me, try Me, and prove Me."

She was exasperated, and I said, "Until you believe it, God can never do it." She had the attitude of the man in the Bible who said, "Oh, God, I believe, help thou my unbelief."

She shook my hand. That was Thursday. Thursday night, no gambler's wife. Friday night, no gambler's wife. But I would encourage the lady.

I said, "It is happening right now."

I don't know how she felt, but she said, "Yes sir, yes sir."

Saturday morning I thought about that lady. I said, "Lord, you know that woman needs to be saved, and I know the principle of trusting Jesus. I am not about to doubt you. Here is a baby in Christ, who needs to learn this, and I am trusting you and praising you for saving that gambler's wife."

That night in that big old church I saw that lawyer, his wife and children. Right behind them was a woman with a big hat on. The Holy Spirit said it was her. I preached on hell that night until you could literally smell hell. When I came

to the invitation God said, "No invitation." I said, "Wait, Lord! That woman, that woman!" I begged God to let me give an invitation and He said no. I am sure that lawyer's wife didn't know what to think.

Sunday morning came and that place was packed out and right over on my right was that woman with that big hat. I preached about fifteen minutes of an evangelistic sermon and here she came. I got out of the pulpit, walked down in front and met her.

She said, "I can't stand it, since Thursday God has been killing me. I've been about to die. How can I know Jesus?"

By that time the lawyer's wife was down there. I asked her what happened?

The lawyer's wife said, "Yesterday she called me and said she didn't know what was wrong with her. Since Thursday she had been dreaming she was going to hell. She asked me to take her to a preacher. She came last night and you didn't give an invitation.

The day that lawyer's wife began to believe she began to receive. "You must put it into practice." Write down today what you are believing God for, and commit yourself for that soul or whatever the need.

If you don't put this into practice, all you have done is enlarge your mind on some things that were stated about faith. If you can't make contact with Christ and let Him do something for you personally, there is no point in obtaining faith. "Faith without works, is dead."

Chapter Three (lesson 3 of 7)

Faith Is Action

Every true act of faith is followed by an activity of faith.

- When a man is rightly related to the Holy Ghost who works through him and he maintains the will to believe, the will to receive, and the will to obey; the life of Jesus is manifested in his mortal flesh.
- When God speaks and there is a point of hesitancy, there is a point of self-interest that will not submit to God.
- The business of faith is to convert truth into reality.
- If you have real faith, prove it by your life. Experience is never the ground of faith. Experience is the evidence of faith.
- We believe that Jesus Christ can do this or that. Has He done it?

- Do we proclaim by our talk or by our experiences (faith in God) that Jesus Christ is sufficient for every problem life can present?
- Faith is an act, and an affirmation of that act, that bids eternal truth to become present fact.
- Faith is not believing God can, or wanting God to, but is acting upon God's word as it is being done now.
- Faith is an active principle of trust in Jesus which is ready to venture on every word He speaks. We cannot have faith in every word of Jesus when we choose.
- The Holy Spirit will have to bring that word of Jesus to our remembrance and apply it to the circumstances we are in. The point is, we believe and venture out on Him.
- Faith must be tested in conflict to see if it is only head or heart faith, which brings living reality.
- "An inadequate theory of faith distorts practices." (Forsyth)
- You may say, "Yes, I am not the witness I am supposed to be, I do not have the patience I am supposed to have nor I am not as kind or compassionate as I should be." You say, yes, those are my problems, but in reality your problems are not the problems mentioned. Actually your problem is a faith problem. When your faith is right your practice will also be right. Faith grows by being occupied with who God is, His plan, His provision, and His purpose.
- Our faith is never according to our experience. Our experiences are according to our faith. Existence of faith in the heart is manifested by works in the life. The works will always equate the faith.
- A faith which does not walk may soon become too weak to stand.

Chapter Three (lesson 4 of 7)

Corresponding Actions

"Be ye doers of the Word"

WEYMOUTH gives us a striking expression in [James 2:14](#), "What good is it my brethren, if a man professes to have faith, and yet his actions do not correspond?"

In the 18th verse, you notice that his faith was cooperating with his actions, and that by his actions, his faith was perfected.

One of the gravest mistakes that many believers make is, to confess their faith in the Word, and at the same time contradict their confession by wrong actions.

We say we trust the Father for our finances, and at the same time we are worrying and fretting about how we are going to pay our bills.

One minute we confess that no word from God can ever be forfeited, that He is able. The next moment we are repudiating all that we have confessed.

James tells us there must be corresponding action. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only deluding your own selves."

The actions of a "doer of the word" coincide with his confession.

Jesus said, "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." [Matthew 7:24-26](#)

So many who profess Christ and who declare they believe the word from Genesis to Revelation, and say it with a great deal of unction, are not doers of the word. They are talkers about the word. They have mentally assented to the fact that the word is true. It does them no good. They are not making it their own.

I may confess as loudly as I please that God is the strength of my life, and at the same time tell about my weakness, my inability, and my lack of faith. There is no corresponding action here.

In [John 6:47](#) Jesus said, "He that believeth hath eternal life." "Believing" is "having." It is possession.

Mental assent admires the word, confesses that the word is true and very desirable, but it does not possess.

Believing ends in the glad confession. "It is mine. I have it."

How little real action on the word we see today.

You remember the man who was brought into the presence of Jesus by four of his friends. [Mark 2:1-12](#)

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." Had he not acted on the Master's words, he never would have been healed; but because he acted, he was healed.

[Luke 5:5](#) Peter said, "But at thy word I will let down the net."

What a change would come into some of our lives if we said, "At thy word will."

We have clung to the theories of men and ignored the Living Word.

We mentally assent to the integrity and the reality of the word; but we do not act on it.

A great pitfall in faith is not knowing the difference between mental assent and faith.

You may say that you know God's word is good, but you will never really know until you have acted on it and reaped the results of it. That is what I am trying to tell you faith is. Faith is giving substance to the things hoped for. I went to work, and acted on God's word. I hoped for physical strength to do the work that I knew must be done, but faith gave the substance to that which I hoped for. "Faith", says God, "is the strength of my life," and as I acted on God's word my faith gave substance to that which I hoped for. Many people just hope and stop there. That will not work. Faith IS the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for. Hope does not have any substance, but faith gives substance to it. "Well, I hope God heard my prayer." If that is all you do, He did not and there will not be any answer. But your faith can give substance to the answer to that prayer. In fact, it will. And so, remember, HOPE says "I WILL HAVE IT SOMETIME", and FAITH says, "I HAVE IT NOW".

And then, again, as John Wesley said, the devil has given to the church a substitute for faith, that looks and sounds so much like faith that people cannot tell the difference. Then he went on to call it "mental assent". Many people see what God's Word says and say that it is true, but it is just with their minds that they are agreeing. That is not what gets the job done. It is heart that receives from God.

The Bible says, "For with the heart man believeth ..."

Jesus said in [Mark 11:23](#) "For whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart (it never said a word about his head), but shall believe (believe in his heart) that those things which he said shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Someone said, "How can I tell whether I have faith or whether it is just in my head? (If it is just mental agreement of mental assent.) I know God's word is true. I know God promises me healing and God promises me the Holy Ghost, but for some reason, I cannot receive and I cannot UNDERSTAND."

Those people just have mental assent. If you have faith, real faith in God's word, you will say, If God's word says it is so, then it is so. It is mine; I have it now."

And faith says, "I have it when I cannot see it."

Notice what the text said. "It is evidence of things not seen."

Some say, "Yes, but this thing that I have been praying about, I do not see. It has not come to pass yet."

Well, if you already had it you would not have to believe it. Then you would know it. You have to take that step of believing to come to the place of knowing. A lot of people want to know it first and then believe it; knowing it from the standpoint of it coming to pass.

We know it because God's word says it is ours. From that standpoint, then it materializes. Until we act upon it, it does not become a reality.

You may hold the Resurrection Truth as a great doctrine or dogma, but it will not mean anything to you until you say, "He died for me. He conquered death and hell for me. He arose for me. And because He arose I am a victor, I am a conqueror of Satan today. Satan has no dominion over me. I am free." Then the word becomes something more than a doctrine or a theory. It becomes a reality.

People who act on the word receive things. Today, the one who acts on the word receives. You act faith, you talk faith; your actions and your words agree. You are a believer. All you need to do is act on the word. It is important that you learn this simple lesson.

It is not struggling, praying, or crying. It is acting on what God has spoken that brings results.

The word "faith" is a noun; the word "believe" is a verb. "Believing" is really "acting on the word. It is simply acting on the word of God as you have acted on the word of a physician, the word of a lawyer, or the word of a loved one.

You do not ask the questions: "Do I believe?" or "Have I faith?" You simply say, "That is what God has said", and you act accordingly. Faith is the result of action. Believing is taking the step up to the object, the thing you want. Faith is having arrived.

It is remarkable that nowhere in the Epistles, did Paul urge believers to believe or have faith. We may preach the word, but if we do not practice it, it will produce no results.

James tells us that "faith without corresponding actions is dead." When we act on the word we show our faith.

We know that no word from God is void of power or void of God's ability. **Luke 1:37**. So, we act on it.

He said, "I watch over My word to perform it." Therefore, be ye doers of the word and not hearers only!

Chapter Three (lesson 5 of 7)

Chapter 3 Scripture Memorization

"Be ye doers of the Word"

Matthew 8:13 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you";

Matthew 7:24-26 (NIV)

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:25 (NIV)

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:26 (NIV)

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

James 2:14 (NIV)

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?

Mark 11:23 (NIV)

I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

Chapter 3 Review

"Be ye doers of the Word"

1. As thou hast _____ so be it unto thee.
2. Thy _____ hath made thee whole.
3. According to your _____ be it unto you.
4. _____ is the soulish element of man.
5. _____ is the key to move God out of heaven into earth.
6. Every sin in your life is the result of _____
7. Finding a _____ is a key to success.
8. You aren't a pleasure to God if you don't _____ on God's revealed truth.
9. What are you personally believing God for right now? _____
10. Faith is so acting on the revealed truth of God that God has to perform a _____
11. Jesus said trust me, (a) _____ me, (b) _____ me.
12. The only way you can be a success in Gods eyes is to _____
13. Every true act of faith is followed by an _____ of faith.
14. Faith must be tested in _____ to see if it is genuine Bible faith.
15. A faith that does not walk may soon become _____
16. What good is it if a man profess to have faith and yet his actions _____
17. Many believers contradict their professed faith by wrong _____
18. Be ye doers of the word and not _____
19. Whosoever heareth these sayings (a) _____ and doeth them (b) _____ shall be likened unto a (c) _____ man.
20. Believing is _____ It is possession.
21. A great pitfall in faith is not knowing the difference between _____ and faith.
22. _____ has no substance, but faith gives substance to it.
23. The Bible doesn't teach to believe in the head (mental assent, intellectual faith). It says believe with the _____ .
24. (a) _____ is taking a step up to an object, (b) _____ is having arrived.
25. Faith without _____ is dead.

Chapter 3 Quiz

The Power Of Faith

Quiz Score: _____ of 100

1. What is the key to move God out of heaven to earth? (20 points)

- (a) Keep on asking
- (b) A lot of Hope
- (c) Faith

Keeping the commandments

2. Every sin in your life is a result of ? _____ (20 points)

3. "True faith is always followed by an action"(10 points):

- (a) True
- (b) False

4. What are the three elements of Faith? (20 points)

- (a) Volitional, Intellectual, Emotional
- (b) Hope, Hard Work, Strong Desire

5. Be ye doers of the word and not only ? _____ (10 points)

6. Faith without works is.? (10 points)

- (a) Being lazy
- (b) A short cut
- (c) A lot of fun
- (d) Dead

7. Many believers contradict their professed faith by wrong.(10 points)

- (a) Understanding
- (b) Opinions
- (c) Attitudes
- (d) Wrong actions

CHAPTER FOUR

Growing In Faith

Do You Believe He Can Do Anything

Let us consider how to go from poverty to riches, from defeat to victory, from failure to success. There is only one key revealed in the Word of God. Some people get the idea that it is by the amount of praying that a person might do that they have success. But when you read the eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews, you will find out it is not by praying, it is simply by faith. Some people think that it is because of their lack of prayer that they fail. You can pray until you are blue in the face, but if you do not believe, you are still going to fail.

Some people have the idea that it is the amount of labor or work you do. That doing is going to bring success. You can labor all you like but if faith is not present, you will fail. It is faith that makes it possible for God to operate. And unless God operates, man's operation is in vain. This world is not interested in what you are doing for God, the world is interested in what God is doing for you. I am interested in how to get God to operate, not man. If God ever starts operating like He wants to you will not have to worry about man operating.

I was preaching one day in Norman, Oklahoma. I started with the first woman on the first row.

I said, "Sister, do you believe in God?"

She replied, "Yes."

I questioned, "Do you believe He can do anything?"

She said, "Yes."

"What are you believing Him for right now?"

She replied, "Food, clothing, shelter, things of that nature."

The biggest devils in town have that stuff. That was not what I was talking about. I questioned her again.

"What are you believing God for right now that would take a miracle for Him to keep His word? What promise are you standing on?"

She turned white as a sheet. She did not know. I went on to the next, and then the next, and there was only one woman in that church that day that had any faith.

She stood up and said, "I may seem foolish, but I am believing God is saving somebody, right now."

It was not three minutes until a woman came out of her seat screaming and crying, "I have got to be saved."

God did not operate until somebody believed.

There is a verse of scripture (**II Corinthians 2:14**) that bothered me for some time. It says: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place." Do you know why that scripture bothered me? That

verse of scripture says, "Thanks be unto God which ALWAYS causeth us to triumph". We need to face reality that there are some areas of life where we are not triumphant Christians. We are not conquering Christians.

From Defeat To Victory

If we are not having the victory...we are failing

Don't start comparing yourself with somebody else because you will probably turn out to be a pretty good fellow. Compare yourself to the Word of God. Here is God's Word saying that He causeth us to triumph. Some people will say that eventually God will work everything out for me. That is not what God is talking about. In this verse of scripture God promised that in all of our circumstances He will cause us to be victorious. Does your life measure up to that verse of scripture?

Romans 8:37 says: "In all these things we are more conquerors through him that loved us". Are you more than a conqueror in everything? Here is a promise: Paul said, "We are more than conquerors in everything." Right here in the midst of all our troubles we are more than conquerors. You cannot say that Paul was not a conqueror. He came out on the conquering side.

I looked at my life and I looked at those two verses of scripture, "More than conquerors," and "Always causing us to triumph." Instead of causing me to be victorious, I was always getting into trouble. That really bothered me.

I went to visit with a missionary. When we went into his house his furniture was of such nature that when we sat down to the table to eat we had to be seated on nail kegs. I thought to myself, now here is a real sacrificial man. All the support he gets he gives to these people in need. That is what I thought. So, after a while I simply said to this missionary, "Sir, how do you get your financial support?" He answered, "I trust God."

Immediately I said, "When you get it what do you do? Do you just give it away and distribute it among the people?"

He said, "No, I trust God and all I receive barely gets us by."

What kind of opinion do you think I had of his God?

2 Corinthians 9:8 (Amplified): "And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need, be self-sufficient possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation." God's grace is able to make you have such an abundance on hand that whenever there is a need for an offering, you will have it to give.

I could hardly pay bills and would have to borrow from this one, in order to pay that one. That verse really bothered me.

It said that God's grace is able to make you abound in such a supply that whenever there is a need you will have money on hand to give. You could not possibly do that and owe people.

In John, the fifteenth chapter, it says that we shall bear fruit. And He said that fruit shall remain. I used to brag that if I could not have a man on his knees making a profession of faith in ten minutes, I would quit preaching. I can still do it but that does not mean he will get saved. The Bible does not say "By their professions you will know them." It says "by their fruit they are known." The fruit the Holy Ghost produces will remain. "God's" fruit remains.

In **John 18:5**, He said, "Bear much fruit." Does it bother you that today God I did not in some way use you to bear fruit? If there is anything in life I want to be it is a fruit bearing Christian. Not a fruit producing Christian, because a child of God does not produce, the Spirit produces. Man is just an instrument. The limb does not produce, it is the Holy Spirit that does the producing.

God said according to thy faith, so be it. Or simply, I am working according to your faith. God does not bow to sympathy. God does not bow to bargaining. God only moves in accordance to faith. God honors faith.

A child of God can, and will be, more than a conqueror and he will be caused to triumph when he comes to the place of faith. You will not only be made to be a conqueror and a triumphant Christian, but the grace of God will so abound in your life that every need that you have will be met. I get disgusted with people who say that God has only "offered" to supply our needs. He said He would give you the desires of your heart. Your faith is in Christ, the Living Word. He is the object of your faith. Not only is Jesus the object but Jesus is a person. The nature of faith is illustrated like this:

At the airport is an airplane that will take you to New York. You believe the plane can take you there. You believe it to the extent that you get reservations, and a ticket. The airplane is there and here are you. Is that airplane getting you to New York? If you stood waiting about ten hours you would want the airplane to get you to New York.

Regardless of how much you believe that airplane can get you to New York and how much you want that airplane to get you there, you are still standing in the terminal. Is that plane getting you to New York? No. Because you know it can, and you want it to, there comes a decisive moment in your life. This is so common with us, we do not realize that it takes a choice. But there is a choice. You are not at the disposal of that airplane until after you make the choice. Then, and then alone, can that airplane do for you what it was designed to do.

Faith has three elements: Intellectual, emotional and volitional. Faith is never real, genuine faith until you take these steps. You know that Jesus can do something intellectually, you want Him to do it emotionally. That is about as far as most of us ever get. Because you know He can, and you want Him to, go ahead and act, trust, and believe. Trusting, acting and believing, is a choice of the

will, (volition) whereby you cast yourself upon the truth. Does He perform the miracle before you act (put yourself at His disposal) or after? So then, faith is action.

Someone asked R. G. LeTourneau, "If you know a thing is the will of God and you do not feel like you have the faith, what do you do?" He said, "I go ahead and act like I have the faith."

You have to act before you receive.

"And this he said, although his works had been completed and prepared, and waiting for all who would believe from the foundation of the world." Do you know what that verse of scripture means? It means, when God said He created this thing, He set down everything that you will ever need. He has already supplied and is just sitting around waiting for you to come and get it. That will build your faith.

I had a friend that had a rescue mission. He said, "God, I need two hundred dollars. Oh, God, I need two hundred dollars."

One day a man walking a little closer with God came in and heard him say, "Oh, God, I just have to have two hundred dollars."

So this fellow a little further along said, "Why don't you get scriptural in your praying? Why don't you ask God to open your eyes to the fact that you have already got it?"

He replied, "Don't you think I've got sense enough to know that if I already had it I would know I had it?"

The man said, "Well, obviously you don't, but if you will ask God to open your eyes and show you that the supply is already met, then all you will have to do is pick it up."

This fellow kept praying, "Lord, God give me two hundred dollars."

One day he went down and said, "Now, Lord, if I've got something and I don't know I've got it would you please open my eyes and let me see it?"

He got up off his knees and walked to the window. Now, he had owned this piece of property for six months, that he was on. There were twenty men that he was feeding every meal. They were just walking around out there on the grounds. He kept watching and noticing that they were reaching down, picking up, and cracking something. All at once he looked up and right there on the chapel side of that building were two of the largest pecan trees that you have ever seen. Those trees were just breaking down with pecans. Then it hit him that on the property there were not only two pecan trees, there were seven, (perfect number). He got those men and started shaking those trees.

He did not weigh the pecans but took them down to the market and said, "How many do we have here?"

The man said, "Two hundred dollars worth."

In fact, he got more than that before it was over with. But he got two hundred dollars that day. God had that supply just sitting around there waiting on the preacher to see it. In fact, we laughed about it because those pecans were falling on the roof every day saying, "I'm here, I'm here."

We have to learn that faith is built on looking up the fact of a promise of God, and the provision of God. Hinge your faith on that.

If we ever believe right then everything else will be right. Our only job is to believe. God had to teach me that He would rather let me fail if I continued to doubt. Just because God loves you is no sign that He will not let you fail.

When I stand on the promises, act on the person, on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, I see defeat turned into victory. I see failure turned into success. I started seeing my needs not only met, but I had money to give away. I was not coming out by the skin of my teeth. Hallelujah!

When you start believing, standing on the promises, acting on the faithfulness of the person of Jesus Christ, He will lift you out and make you more than a conqueror.

There is one other law I had to learn. The law of faith. When I saw that you had to trust God in order to have, I saw something else that came along with it. God lays down a principle in the Bible by which He works.

He says, "He that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly. He that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully." I did not have any money to give and I saw in the word of God, **2 Corinthians 8:2** "How that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." Paul wrote to that church at Corinth and said, "I want to tell you about a people that have learned something. They did not have anything to give and they gave out of their poverty. For to their power I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves. And these people gave out of their poverty and look how they gave it." The fifth verse says: "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." They first gave themselves and then gave, not out of their abundance, but they gave out of poverty.

Luke tells us that if we will give to God, God will press it down, shake it together and cause men to give back to us. There is only one motive in the Bible for giving when love is present. And that is to receive. Why did God give His Son? To get us. That is the only motive in the Bible. When I give an offering I am supposed to receive if it is in love. So, I pulled out some money and I started giving. The faster I gave the faster it came back.

During my recent illness I stayed off of work for one year. I have a missionary budget that is bigger than some missionary church budgets, and I did not drop one missionary from my support. My secretary told me when she picked me up at the hospital that my income for the year was \$7,000 more than it ever had been in any previous year. What I am trying to tell you is this, according to thy faith, so be it.

"Help thou my unbelief?" Act on the Word of God so that you will realize the sin of unbelief in your life. That failure to act is calling God a liar and making it impossible for Jesus to do many mighty works among us. There is not a

sin you can commit: adultery, drunkenness, murder, that so humiliates and infuriates the nature of God as unbelief. There is no sin that you can commit that is as hideous

as the sin of procrastinating day after day, and not getting active and believing God. When you fail to claim God's promises, that is doubt. When the father of John the Baptist doubted God, he became deaf and dumb. That is why so many people are deaf to God's Word today. When you have not heard from God you have not heard a thing. Have you heard from God that faith causes us to always triumph? If so, then, be a doer of the word and not a hearer only.

Chapter Four (lesson 3 of 6)

Benefits Of The Life Of Faith

The Just Shall live By faith

The life of faith brings the Christian from a life of defeat to a life of victory; always causing us to triumph and making us conquerors in all things. There are many other benefits to the life of faith. Praise the Lord that the life of faith brings us from defeat to victory, but there are other benefits which cause the Christian Life to be even more victorious.

Some benefits of the life of faith are:

The life of liberty from slavery; where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty
2 Corinthians 3:17.

The life of rest in warfare from disturbance in warfare; there remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God
Hebrews 4:9.

Life of joyfulness from lifelessness; that your joy might be full **John 15:11**, that you might have life more abundantly
John 10:10.

Life of abundant provision from spiritual poverty; according as His divine power hath given unto us ALL THINGS that pertain unto life and Godliness **2 Peter 1:3.**

The life of faith equips you with the armor to stand against and withstand Satan; that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand **Ephesians 6:10-17.**

The life of fruitfulness from barrenness; every branch He purgeth it that it may bring forth fruit. As the branch cannot bear fruit except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. **John 15:2-4.**

The life of faith is a conquering life, an abundant life, a fruitful life, a joyful life, a life of rest, and a life of liberty. If your life is anything but what has been described here then your faith is not right. These provisions have already been made for you by the Lord and HE is waiting for you to claim these provisions by faith. Remember, the JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.

Chapter 4 Scripture Memorization

The Just Shall live By faith

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

John 10:10 (NIV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 15:2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes {[2] The Greek for prunes also means cleans.}so that it will be even more fruitful.

John 15:3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

John 15:4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

John 15:16 (NIV)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

Chapter 4 Review

The just shall live by Faith

1. Unless God operates, man's _____ is in vain.
2. The world is not interested in what you are doing for God. The world is interested in _____
3. You can work and pray, but without _____ you will fail.
4. Thanks be unto God which always _____
5. A Christian is to compare his life to _____
6. In all things we are more than _____
7. God is able to make all grace come to you in _____
8. God's fruit _____
9. The _____ produces, man is simply and instrument.
10. God works according to our _____
11. _____ is the object of our faith.
12. God has promised us the _____ of our hearts.
13. According to R. G. LaTourneau, if you know a thing to be the will of God and yet you don't have the faith, what should you do? _____
14. His works have been completed from _____
15. Your faith is built on the _____ and the _____ of God.
16. Because God loves you is no sign He won't let you _____
17. The only motive for giving out of love is to _____
18. The failure to act calls God a _____
19. The most hideous sin for a Christian is _____

20-25. Name six other benefits to the life of faith (include scripture references).

- 20. _____
 - 21. _____
 - 22. _____
 - 23. _____
 - 24. _____
 - 25. _____
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Chapter Four (lesson 6 of 6)

Chapter 4 Quiz

Growing In Faith

Quiz Score: _____ out of 100

1. Unless God operates, man's _____ is in vain? (20 points)
 - (a) Hopes
 - (b) Works
 - (c) Faith
 - (d) Desires
2. In all things we are more than _____ (20 points)
3. "God works according to our Faith"(10 points)
 - (a) True
 - (b) False
4. What are the three elements of Faith? (20 points)
 - (a) Volitional, Intellectual, Emotional
 - (b) Hope, Hard Work, Strong Desire
5. What comes before you receive from God? _____ (10 points)
6. Do you believe God can do anything? (10 points)
 - (a) Not sure
 - (b) Hope so
 - (c) Pretty sure
 - (d) Yes
7. If you really believe God can do anything has He done something in your life today(10 points)
 - (a) No
 - (b) Last week
 - (c) Last year
 - (d) Yes today

CHAPTER FIVE

The Significance Of Faith

Everything you need must come from Faith

Faith has such a unique place in the Bible and is so tied in with the whole economy of God, that until a person can come to the place where he knows how to believe God actively, his life will never be able to grow at all. Wouldn't it change your life today, if, when that need popped up, you'd say, "Praise God! The Lord is talking to me and the answer is here?" You are not to look to Him to get the answer. God doesn't have to do anything, He's already done it. It's already done, as far as God is concerned.

The significance of the "place of faith" in the Bible is identified by several different factors.

Everything you need must come by faith. If you want to be a JUST PERSON, the philosophy of the world is, "do the best you can". But the Lord says, to be a just person, "you must walk by faith." To be a PLEASURE to God, you must walk by faith. To become SANCTIFIED, (sanctification means you are set apart), can- not be achieved by Bible study or praying so many hours a day. It also must come by faith. You read your Bible if your faith is right. You pray if your faith is right. But I know people who pray for hours a day, who are as mean as the devil. I've seen people spend ten hours a day in prayer and go home and get mad in ten minutes, and ruin the whole day over some insignificant issue. Prayer doesn't sanctify you. You are sanctified by faith, according to the Word of God [Acts 26: 18](#).

There is only one way to have access to God, and that is by faith. You can be clean morally, but if you do not have faith, you do not have access to God. The way to become a steadfast person, according to the word of God, is by faith. The Christian "walk" is by faith. Paul said the only way he could live was by faith. He went on to say he, "Lived by the faith of the Son of God." The way for Christ to dwell in your hearts, in His fullness, is by faith. Some people have the idea that, by faith, the law becomes of no use, but that is not so. It means your life can measure up where the law cannot arrest you, and, therefore, it is void. It doesn't mean it is not there. I can't be arrested today, because I haven't broken the law. You can actually fulfill the law and make it void by faith, not to be condemned by the law. Most of us stay in jail spiritually, most of the time.

The heathen are justified through faith. The promise of the Spirit is through faith. There is no way to pray down the Holy Spirit. You can pray until you are blue in the face, but until you can come to the place of faith, you can never receive the promise of the Spirit. We are raised up by faith. We get our understanding by faith. We are able to subdue kingdoms by faith. We get our power from God, through faith. The Bible says we are made whole by faith.

Everything God has for us has already been provided. There is just one key by which we get God's provisions into life manifestations, and that is, by faith. We will do everything, try every little gimmick in the world, to keep from trusting the Lord. There is not one need that God hasn't already supplied. But we will never have our needs fulfilled until we appropriate them by faith. In [Hebrews 4:1](#), they did not enter in, because, when they heard the word, they did not mix it with faith.

Faith is the only law placed at your disposal, that supersedes the laws of nature. When God can find a man that will believe, the laws of nature are superseded. Peter walked on the water. Sarah had a baby at one-hundred. God set the whole universe up on laws, and those laws operate. The one law He set into motion "at your disposal", is the law of faith. Faith can supersede every established law. When we have an experience of faith, we spend the rest of our lives trying to explain it.

God knows everything, and works everything out from the beginning until the end. He lives in the now, as well as the yesterdays and the tomorrows. He is enjoying you in Heaven, now, as He is going to 2,000 years from now.

"Lack of faith" grieves the heart of the God of love, to the extent of wrath. When His people refused to believe, wrath came. Over one million Jews died in the wilderness because of unbelief. God performed at least ten miracles for those Jews. He brought them out of Egypt, showing them that if they would believe, God would deliver. He got them right to the day of graduation into a victorious life, (into Canaan, the fullness of Christ), and they backed off. This seems insignificant, and yet it irritated God. He told them they couldn't go in. Some of them tried and they got all beat up. God let His people die in the wilderness, wandering, because of their unbelief.

People have the idea that faith is the "right attitude." It is the right attitude, with the right action. Nothing in this world can move God but faith. Every time God moves, somebody has believed.

The greatest significance of faith, is the fact that it was the whole ministry and teaching of Jesus Christ. He taught His disciples to believe. Jesus desired to teach them, that as He lived by the Father, they could live by Him, and "as the Father has sent me, so send I you." Jesus denied Himself on every occasion that

He performed a miracle, to the extent that He allowed God to work the miracle through Him.

There are three important things about the life of Jesus. First, He was absolutely submissive. He said, "My meat is to do the will of Him, who sent Me." Second, He was not only submissive, but renounced His total ability. He said, "Of myself I can do nothing." Third, He was a man of faith. Every time Jesus Christ came face to face with a problem, He so renounced Himself that He gave it to the Father. He

so acted in that predicament, that God had to perform a miracle. If He had not, the whole economy of God would have gone down the drain. There are two principles by which we can work. Recall the story of Philip at the feeding of the five thousand. He was put to a test. Jesus said, "Philip, I am going to see if you are going to 'work it out' or 'faith it out'." Philip checked his wallet and he only had about forty dollars. He acted just like an atheist. If Jesus had asked an atheist, "Mr. Atheist, how are we going to feed all these people?" What would he have done? He would have checked his bank account. Philip flunked the test.

Andrew didn't do much better. He did say, "I've found a fellow out here with a few loaves and fishes, but Lord, what is that among so many?" They both flunked the test. Jesus constantly brought these men into predicaments. They could act the "faith way" or the "work way". Jesus took the loaves. He didn't break it up and then give thanks. He didn't see if the miracle was going to work first. He got them all ready, then looked up to Heaven and said, "thank you", and started breaking the bread. Faith is so acting on the word, and the will of God, that God has to perform a miracle to keep His Word.

What did Jesus do at Lazarus' tomb? He said, "Father, I know that Thou hearest Me always." He said, "Come forth, Lazarus," and He put God on the spot. Jesus walked by faith. He called His-disciples to walk by faith. They always "worked it out" until that day they were out in the but.

Peter saw Jesus walking out across the water and he said, "Lord, Lord, if that be you, bid me to come to you." This is the first evidence, the first experience, in the Bible, where the apostles began to perceive by revelation what God was trying to teach them.

God's whole economy is centered around faith. It is simple enough, to want to learn how to walk by faith through some ridiculous experience like stepping out on water, but He will invite you to come on. Jesus said, "come on, Peter". He didn't drown. He did walk on water. He did see that the laws of nature can be superseded by the "law of faith". He didn't fail.

Jesus walked in conjunction with the Father, by faith. He said, "As the Father

hath sent me, so send I you." He was trying to leave the disciples with this truth in their hearts. They could believe God and see the impossible.

Peter stepped out, and as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus Christ, he walked. When he started sinking he cried, "Jesus," and "walked back." Jesus didn't pick him up and put him in His arms like a baby and carry him back. They walked. The disciples on the boat didn't have the experience because they didn't act on their faith.

If you want to be a just person, a righteous person, a pure person, a soul winning person, a person that is pleasing to

God and a person that is actually God's ambassador in this world, you are going to have to learn to walk by faith. Ninety per cent of us are doing everything we can today to "secure ourselves" so we won't have to walk by faith.

The Bible says, "The just shall live by faith."

Chapter Five (lesson 2 of 5)

Emphasis On Faith

Without Faith it is impossible to please God

This is an extremely strong statement. I had looked at that statement for many years not realizing its full value. When you notice in the Word of God, the emphasis placed on faith, it becomes easier to understand why "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

It was by faith THAT:

- Able worshipped God
- Enoch walked with God
- Noah worked with God
- Abraham became the Father of many Nations
- Isaac blessed Jacob
- Jacob blessed both the sons of Joseph
- Joseph looked unto his father and blessed the nations
- Moses turned his back on money and power and delivered Israel
- the just shall live [Hebrews 10:38](#)
- your heart can be made pure [Acts 15:9](#)
- we are sanctified [Acts 26:18](#)
- we are comforted [Romans 1:12](#)
- we are justified [Galatians 2:16, 3:24](#)
- we stand [Romans 11:20](#),
[2 Corinthians 1:24](#)
- we walk [Romans 5:7](#)
- we live by the faith of the Son of God [Galatians 2:20](#)
thru the Spirit we wait for the hope of righteousness [Galatians 5.5](#)
- we have access with confidence
[Ephesians 3:12](#)
- we are children of God [Galatians 3:26](#)
- we have the promise of eternal life
[Galatians 3:22](#)
- Christ dwells in our hearts
[Ephesians 3:17](#)

It was by faith THAT:

- kingdoms were subdued
- righteousness was wrought, promises obtained
- lions' mouths stopped
- violence quenched

- the sword's edge escaped
- weakness was made strong
- armies of aliens turned to flight
- dead were risen to life again
- men of weakness waxed valiant

This is a record of what "WAS" by faith and what "IS" by faith. Faith stands on its own record. Focus your attention to emphasis placed in the word of God as to what is attained "THROUGH" faith.

Through FAITH:

- We understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God
Hebrews 11:3
- The law is made void **Romans 3:30**
- God justifies the heathen **Galatians 3:8**
- We are saved by God's grace
Ephesians. 2:8
- Righteousness is attained in Christ
Philippians 3:9
- We are risen with Him
Colossians 2:12, 2 Timothy 3

- We inherit promises **Hebrews 6:12**
- With faith it is impossible to please Him. Any true child of God wants to be pleasing to his Lord. By not living the life of faith, the overcoming life, it is impossible to please God.

Chapter Five (lesson 3 of 5)

Chapter 5 Scripture Memorization

Without Faith it is impossible to please God

Acts 26:18 (NIV)

to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Chapter 5 (lesson 4 of 5)

Chapter 5 Review

Without Faith it is impossible to please God

1. Every thing we need is to be attained by _____
2. According to **Acts 26:18**, we are _____ by faith.
3. According to Paul in **Galatians 2:20**, we live by the faith _____
4. The law is made _____ through faith.
5. The heathen are _____ by faith.
6. The law of _____ is the only law which supersedes the laws of nature.
7. God knows everything, and works it all out (a) _____ from until (b) _____
8. Man will experience the wrath of God when he refuses to _____
9. Faith isn't the right attitude, it's the right _____
10. The entire teachings of Christ were designed to teach the disciples to _____
11. As the Father hath sent me, even so _____
12. Jesus denied _____ in performing miracles.
13. Jesus said, "My meat is _____"
14. _____ was submissive, renounced his ability and was a man of faith.
15. There are two principles man can work on, the (a) _____ principle and the (b) _____ principle.
16. Philip and Andrew "flunked their tests" because they tried _____

17. The just shall live by _____
18. By Faith:
- Abraham _____
- Isaac _____
- Jacob _____
- Joseph _____
19. Without faith it is _____
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Chapter Five (lesson 5 of 5)

Chapter 5 Quiz

Quiz Score: _____ of 100

1. When ever God moves someone has...? (20 points)
- (a) Prayed
 - (b) Called God
 - (c) Believed
 - (d) Right attitude
2. What law supersedes the laws of nature? _____ (20 points)
3. "God's whole economy is centered around Faith"(10 points)
- (a) True
 - (b) False
4. What are the three important things in the life of Jesus? (20 points)
- (a) He was submissive,renounced His total ability and He was a man of Faith
 - (b) Cared for people, He was a hard worker, He was smart
5. The Bible says, "The just shall live by _____ ." (10 points)
6. How is the heart made pure? (10 points)
- (a) Vitamins
 - (b) Eating right
 - (c) Exercise
 - (d) By Faith
7. The greatest sin in the life of a Christian is... (10 points)
- (a) Not going to Church
 - (b) Not reading the Bible
 - (c) Not praying
 - (d) The sin of Unbelief

CHAPTER SIX

The Activity Of Faith

Faith converts the truth of the Bible into reality

Romans 12:3 says, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." That same chapter, verse six, "Having then gifts differing according to the proportion of faith."

Basically, what I will be talking about is the grace of faith. Do you know what grace is? It is God's unmerited favor shown toward you. You do not deserve any- thing, but you have it. Every person has the grace of faith. It is my opinion that even lost people have the grace of faith. The laws of faith even work for lost people. For instance, Napoleon Hill, who became the first writer of the motivation movement, got his information out of the Bible. Napoleon Hill's book is good to read about faith. He made a study for years on how men became successful. He found they did it on a faith principle.

I do not believe that God could condemn you for not believing if you did not have the capacity to believe. Everybody has the grace of faith. The grace of faith is an innate ability given to you, whereby, if you do not exercise that faith, God can judge you. The only prerequisite to the grace of faith, is when you have a problem, there is a promise in the Bible that fits your problem. Then, you are obligated to believe God.

There are three types of people. The disbeliever, the unbeliever and the believer. The disbeliever is the person that doesn't believe anything about God. The unbeliever is the person that may love Him devotedly, but somehow, they just never get around to believing God, where actually He does something for them. The believer is the man that says, "God said it, and I'm going to experience it, if I die. I'm going to have God convert His truth into reality." Faith converts the truth of the Bible into reality. If you call yourself a believer and the truth of the Bible is not being converted into reality, you are really not a believer. You are just fooling yourself. As to the grace of faith, we all have a measure.

The Grace And Gift Of Faith

The gift of Faith comes and goes

I can best define the gift of faith by illustrations. One of the most difficult things in the world is finding the will of God about healing. There are some people who believe that

healing is in the atonement. That Jesus Christ, when He died on the cross made, not only sufficient sacrifice for our sins to take us to heaven, but He has literally paid the price for our sins and sorrows. They were placed on Him that our bodies can be free from illness. Now, I personally have studied this since I have been saved. I've studied it the last couple of years more than ever. I cannot go along with the fact that full provision of healing is in the atonement. I do believe in divine healing. God knows I believe in it. I probably believe in it more than you will ever know. I believe God is sovereign in His healing. In fact, I believe God is sovereign in His redemption and salvation.

I've seen the time when I walked into the hospital talking to the Lord. I said, "Lord, what can I tell Harvey this morning from heaven?"

He said, "You tell him that he is healed."

I didn't have any argument at all. I had so much faith to believe that Harvey was healed that I walked right in the room and said, "Harvey, God told me to tell you that you are healed. I'm leaving town this afternoon for North Carolina and I will not be back for a couple of weeks. You ask God to give you a verse of scrip- ture to hold on to because when I leave, the devil is going to attack you."

There were six men visiting Harvey in that room. When those men left, Harvey said, "Now, Lord, Brother Beasley said I was healed. I don't feel like I'm healed, but he said I am. I want You to give me a verse to stand on." God gave him a verse.

After a while the doctor came in. Harvey said, "Doctor, I am healed." He thought the doctor would be a little sarcastic.

The doctor said, "Well, if you are healed, you won't mind going down to the sanatorium and go through all these tests." (He was really making fun of him.)

Harvey said, "No, I will not mind at all."

They went down there and ran every test they could and, sure enough, that boy was healed. I was never shaken, not one minute. I was operating on the gift of faith. Now when that gift of faith operates in your life it is more than the grace of faith. You do not have to go through the "fight of faith". It is rest. It is confidence. The element of emotion and all, is just there. There is settlement in it. You just know. I'm trying to differentiate. I've seen this happen many times.

I have been called to relatives of mine, that I was soulishly attached to. I would beg. I would plead. I would pray. I would act, but there was no healing. The gift of faith was not there. When that gift is there, people get healed.

I believe that the gifts change also. I know one man that had the gift of healing cancer. He flew all over the world praying for people. There were never any healing lines or anything like that. It was a certain kind of cancer and every

time he prayed, people were healed. He had that gift, but a few years later God withdrew it.

One of our big mistakes, is sitting around waiting for the gift of faith, when we should be working in the grace of faith. On the other hand, we try to have the gift of faith on the basis of grace, when we should wait for it.

Chapter Six (lesson 3 of 7)

The Steps Of Faith

The gift of Faith comes and goes

Let us look at [Hebrews 11:13](#). As we look into this matter of how a man grows in faith, and comes to the place of real genuine Bible faith, let us go back to the basic area of where faith is initiated. The first step taken is by God. God is concerned about His will being done on earth as it is being done in Heaven. We find God working even before a man ever conceives that it is God. As we approach these different steps of faith, we are going to keep God and Man involved. Man being brought to the place where God is able to move into the human realm of life because a man has come to the spiritual area of simply, and yet actively, trusting the Lord Jesus.

As we approach this subject we are going to deal with the need and provision concept. We have persuasion by revelation, embracing by action, confession by declaration, and conflict, which is the fight of faith. We then have thanksgiving, the spoils, and victory is won.

We come now to the need and provision area. Man lives in one area and God lives in another area. This does not necessarily have to work on this basis for man since he is being saved by the grace of God. He can live in the spiritual as well as the physical. But basically man is working in the physical and occasionally gets into the spiritual. God looks at things differently than man. For instance, man has a need and he starts looking around for the supply. Yet on God's part, God has the supply. He looks around and allows the Holy Spirit, in circumstances, to deal with an individual's life where there is a need. When that individual sees that need, then he keeps looking around to find that the supply for that need is met in our living Lord.

On some occasions the Lord even allows the devil to be delivery boy to the extent that the individual will come to the place in his life where he has a need and thereby the Holy Spirit reveals that the need is met by our living Lord. Actually, what I am saying is that when a child of God has a need, it is the evidence that the supply is already there.

God works on the basis of supply and the need, rather than the need and the supply. This is a law that is laid down in the word of God. This law is very established and can be substantiated historically and practically. It can be substantiated by the word of God, and then it can be

substantiated experimentally in our personal lives. Let us look at this a little closer.

Which one came into existence first? The first Adam or the last Adam? Remembering that the last Adam was the Lord Jesus Christ, you will realize that the last Adam was first. He was before the foundation of the world. Actually, He had His part in creation. This is the issue. The first Adam that was created and placed in the garden alone, had a need. He had a need for redemption. Christ is a God of atonement, grace, and redemption. He had the supply for man's need. He was in existence before man ever had a need. The fall was not a slip up. God is, and lives in the eternal now, and He knew what was going to happen. Before the first Adam and Eve ever had a need the supply was already on hand to meet that need.

This is a principle and a law that goes all the way through the Bible. For instance, which came along first? Air for your lungs to breathe or lungs to breathe the air? That is simple. The air for the lungs to breathe. The point is, the supply was there before the need. If you are going to move out in faith, and move with God, and come to a position of Bible faith, you must establish in your heart that a need is evidence that God has the supply. Get this fixed in your heart, for every time a need arises, you should be able to turn immediately, because of your disciplined mind, and concept of God's economy, and say, "God has the supply."

Now, we come to the point of the Word of God as the basis of our faith. The Bible says, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." When we come to this type of faith that we are talking about, there are only three things which are necessary for a man to enter into Bible faith. One is, that he has a need. The second, that he has a Bible promise to stand on. The third, that he simply makes a choice of faith. This brings the need and the Bible promise together. Out of that, he will experience reality.

After a man comes to see his need, and it is established in his thinking, that this is an invitation to God's supply, he will start looking to the Lord. In his looking to the Lord, if he is much of a Christian, with any knowledge at all, he will turn to the word of God. In the word of God he will find promises, and in these promises he will find revelation. Now, do not underestimate the fact of the revelation. The revelation is where the Holy Spirit just opens up the truth of God, promises about the facts of God, until the believer knows His mind. God is speaking to me, this is for me and this particular situation I am in. The average person will ponder these promises because they are such a challenge to the natural to step out into the supernatural. On some occasions it is completely ridiculous to the rational mind to act on the word of God. The average believer ponders these matters.

Then we come to the matter of persuasion. Somehow, some way, through the desires of the heart, the pressure of the need, the Holy Spirit, the warfare of Satan, a person would come to the place where they feel that regardless, they must

take God at His word. To not take God at His word is to call God a liar, and refusing God the ability to get in on the scene. Not to act on the word is to say that God is inadequate. In fact, it is calling Him a liar. In this area you will have a normal struggle, a real struggle. This struggle will war until you come to the place that, sink or swim, live or die, you are going to take God at His word. You may even come to the place like I did once, where I said, "Lord, what happens if I fail?" I got the answer back shortly, "It is not a matter if you fail, you are already a failure."

Persuaded means, that we are to the point now in our steps of faith whereby we are GOING TO ACT. This brings us to the point of embracing, action, acting. Be a doer of the Word, so we act. When we act, there is a choice of the will. A choice of will can be totally, intellectually informed as to the ability of God, the supply of God, and the will of God. There could be pressure because of our needs from the outside, and because of our inward desires to please God from inside. Yet, we must come to the place of embracing the promises, stepping out on the promises and bidding those things which be not, as though they are by our action. Faith is acting on the revealed truth. (Be ye doers of the Word). We come to that place where we make that choice. It is usually a struggle, but when we make that choice, then something happens.

According to Romans 10, when a man believes with his heart and acts from his heart, he then confesses with his mouth. So this brings us to confession, the declaration. This confession basically is three-fold in its involvement. We confess to God with our mouth and our action. It is also a confession to man and a confession to the devil. This confession places us in such a position upon the revealed promises of God, that it seems almost like presumption. It would be presumption if our confession was not based upon the fact of a need and God's supply. We have been given promises from the word of God and the Holy Spirit whereby we can anchor our actions. Since we have these promises, we are to hold fast this conviction. In the economy of God, what man has need of, God has already supplied and given him a promise for that need in the word of God. If man will embrace it and confess it, God will bring it into reality from the invisible and intangible world. It is just as simple as that. The thought of confession, holds true through the entire word of God. Jesus used the method of confession to deliver people. God Himself used the method of confession to bring this world into being as we know it today. Men that followed Jesus were taught if they would say unto this mountain, confess unto this mountain, be thou removed, and doubt not in thine heart, whatsoever they would say or confess the object would obey. So then, man confesses.

Now, once he makes this confession of what he really has embraced, then the man gets in what is called a conflict, the fight of faith. Jesus told Peter that He

was going to pray for him that his faith fail not. So, I believe that there is a conflict. That man has entered into a

real, active, genuine, faith. A faith that is anchored in the Lord, and the word of God. God is placed on a spot. Not that God is ever on the spot, but He has brought man to the place where He would get on the spot. In fact, God has placed man in such a position that if God does not work a miracle to keep His word then His word is a lie and man is a fool. So, there comes a conflict where Satan is after this man's faith and his position of faith. The strategy for a man in this particular conflict is simply to refuse to doubt. Simply keep taking God, or choosing God, at His word. In my own experience, I found that this conflict brought on all sorts of doubts that should constantly be brought into obedience to Jesus Christ. There will come a real rest.

This brings us to the rest of faith. Now this rest does not mean that we sit down passively. It means that there is a rest within the spirit.

In the spirit, even though you may be in a raging battle outside, there is real peace, real rest. The victory has been won. This rest does not mean you do not give expression, or you do not act in obedience to a given need. For instance, you are planting a crop of wheat and you want to have a harvest. You can be at ease inside that you are going to have a harvest, but you have to obey the laws of cultivation, of planting, and of caring for that wheat, before you can enjoy the harvest. The whole time during that toiling you have a rest within. You know that you are going to have a harvest. Once you have come to that place, you are constantly given to praise. We are taken up with the ultimate end, we can see it from the beginning. We have actually gotten a glimpse of the last chapter and so we are taken up with the fact that the harvest is in the process.

We now move to the praise of faith, where we praise the Lord for our victories. It is not long, in fact, sooner than we expect, we begin to enjoy the spoils of faith. That means that we have come to the place where God can convert the truth of His word into reality, into tangible reality.

I am reminded of a girl who heard a message along this line. She went home after the morning service and her mother asked her, "How was the morning service?"

She said, "Fine."

Her mother said, "Well, did anything happen?"

The girl replied, "Yes, I got a job today."

Her mother said, "You got a job today?"

"Yes, I heard the preacher say that if you knew a thing to be the will of God,

and you have a need, you should go ahead and act on the Word of God, act as a thing is so when it is not so in order for it to be so." And she insisted, "I got a job today."

Well, a strange thing about this certain young lady happened. She had gone to high school and received such good grades in a certain area that this plant recommended that she go to a particular school, and when she got through

she would have a job waiting for her. She went through this schooling, came back and took the test, even the physical examination for the job. But, somehow she did not get it. Yet, she sensed and knew that somehow, some way, it was God's will for her to have that job. She heard the message about trusting the Lord. Knowing the will of God, she stepped out and said, "I got a job today."

Tuesday, her mother asked her about the job and she said, "I got the job yesterday."

That was Monday, and so on Wednesday her mother asked her again about the job, and she said, "Oh, I got the job Monday."

The strangest thing happened Wednesday afternoon. A man from that plant called this young lady and said something like this:

"Young lady, I want to apologize for this telephone call. I should have called you Monday. We had a meeting Monday and knew that we needed a young lady. We looked through the files and found that you qualified for the job. I was supposed to call you on Monday. We want you to have the job and we will pay you starting last Monday."

Whatever your need is, remember, that whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Chapter Six (lesson 4 of 7)

How To Come To A Place Of Faith

The choice of Faith is the most important thing

In Mark, the eleventh chapter, the twenty-third verse, it says, "For verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." I want you to notice it says here, "But shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore, I say unto you, whatsoever ye desire, when ye pray, believe (act) that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Many will progress in the faith life to the place where they realize they must find the will of God for souls saved, for healing, for revival, for finances, or for any number of things. They find out the will of God, then they get a promise from the word of God, step out on faith and they have their warfare. Many in the warfare, in the fight of faith, doubt because they feel like they do not have enough faith. The issue is not the amount of faith you have, it is the choice of faith you make. The choice of faith is the most important thing.

There was a woman in the Bible who had an adversary. She did not have much faith, but you know what she did have? Enough faith that she did not faint. That is enough.

There are several different kinds of faith. There is little faith, great faith, perfect faith, and so on. Beloved, it is the choice of faith that you make. When you cannot go on any further, you can make the right choice and choose to believe God, or you can turn it around to the opposite side and refuse to doubt God. The way I do this is audibly. I verbalize it or I write it out. I say, "I refuse to doubt You, Lord, I refuse to doubt, I choose to believe." Then comes the warfare of faith, that fight of faith, then the rest. In that rest, you get assurance that it is settled.

Right in this area, the devil throws people a real curve. They do not realize that after the act of faith, there is the activity of faith. What I mean is this. Faith and obedience are actually the same. When you act in faith, that means you claim it. When you get the assurance that it is settled, that means you have come to the place of faith that you know God has answered. That does not necessarily mean that you have gotten the answer in your hands physically; that it is tangible.

Daniel prayed and he got the answer in his hands physically, twenty-one days after he prayed. But, when did God answer that prayer? The first day he prayed. But for twenty-one days he had a satanic hindrance. Did Daniel jump up and run off and quit praying? No, he stayed in that position of faith for twenty-one days.

There is more to faith than just acting. There is the "activity of faith," because Satan will do his best to stop the answer. You must learn how to, not only act in faith when you write out a report, but know it is the mind of God and keep acting on it. From that moment on, you must learn to cooperate and affirm constantly, your faith. Faith is an act. An affirmation of that act that bids an eternal truth to be a present fact.

We have been dealing with the first phase of the act of faith. Now let us deal with the affirmation of that act. You keep on moving with this active faith until that thing becomes a reality. If you die, you die affirming the fact that the answer is yours.

Somebody asked George Mueller, the great prayer warrior, about some souls he was praying for. He said, "They have all been saved." The man happened to know that there was a couple that he had been praying for who had not actually, visibly, come through. But He said, "As far as I am concerned, it is settled." He died saying they were all saved. It wasn't six months after he died that those two did come in. He was looking at it totally from the spiritual standpoint.

Do you remember the story of Jehoshaphat? He had three enemies that came upon him. Those three enemies were the world, the flesh, and the devil. Here they came. He got a little disturbed, which was a natural response of the physical. He then went out and had a little consultation with God. He first told God how great God was. All he was doing was just reminding himself how able God was to handle the problem. Then finally he got to the place of getting himself straightened out. After a while he came out

with the answer. God said, "The battle is mine." He and God had a good talk. He walked out and said, "It is settled." That old boy had perfect faith. Did he stop there? No, he didn't stop there. Even though he had already made the "act of faith." He had to have the act of faith before he could have the "fight of faith." Then he had to have the fight of faith before he could have the "rest of faith." He had all three, but they still had not gotten the answer tangibly in their hands.

God gave him the instructions. He said, "set up some singers." This is the most defenseless bunch I know anything about. This little old tongue is set on fire of hell, but it also sets the course of nature. Did you know the tongue determines the course? That is the way God set every course. Everything that you see today came into being by the tongue. Isn't that amazing? God confessed it and it be- came so. Those singers got together. But they never picked up the spoils until they went out and acted in faith by singing.

Do you recall how Moses acted in faith when he held up his arms? When he saw that the battle was being won, he didn't let down. In fact, when he did let down they began to lose the battle. You act in faith, but you must continually act in faith, for several reasons. One is that you need to remind yourself. The second reason is you need to keep on reminding the devil, because he is a little stubborn. I don't know that you need to remind God, but He surely does enjoy you praising Him while you are going along.

You may think this is very insignificant. Some of you are going to run well, but something is going to bewitch some of you and cause you to fall from grace. Not go to hell, but keep you from actively knowing how to deal with the devil after you get this truth. You'll stop short of the blessing.

There are three things that probably will go on after you step out on faith. First, the devil will come and say, "that's not the will of God." (Especially about souls, when you are trusting God for a soul). He will make one of these real theologians out of you before you know it. You will become so theologically versed that you will be a predestinarian, electionarian and everything else before it is over with. You say, "what do you mean?" Well, he will make you think that God predestined some to go to hell and some to go to heaven and that particular one that you are believing God for is just not in God's will. You cannot influence a man's will. You don't have to. That is God's business. He knows how to back a man up in a corner and make him do anything. No, God does not force anybody, but He sure makes them willing. The devil will say to you very honestly and plainly, "that one is not elected." You have gone too far. The moment you become double minded, you forfeit the blessing, even though God has already answered it and it may be but one day off.

If you pass that test, the devil will say, "I'll tell you, you are so low down, so sorry, so wicked, and so filthy that you do not deserve God to hear your prayers." You see, the answer

has not come yet. The thing about it, too, is he is pointing out things that you know are true. Your normal reaction is that, "I am not that bad." The moment you say that, the devil has you. You may not believe it, but the devil convicts people also. Of course, you could use a word like nag or harass, but it is almost like conviction. He will tell you how low down and sorry you are. He will get you so occupied with your rottenness that you become double minded, doubt, and forfeit the blessing. There is a way to handle this. When he tells you how low down and sorry you are, do you know what the Bible says to do? Agree with him. It says if thy adversary accuse you, agree with him. He cannot put you in jail. You say, "Sure, Mr. Devil, I'm wicked, low down and sorry. But I've got news for you, I'm worse than you say I am. But, you see, there is one thing you have forgotten. My sins are under the blood." He will get sick. He cannot stand that kind of talk. Then, there is not but one thing to do. That is wait, affirming your faith, that God's word is true. The blood of Jesus Christ is sufficient and if I perish, I perish, but I'm not going to stop. The devil is overcome by the Word and the blood and it does not matter what the cost is.

A lot of you will be in this battle. Some of you are in it already. You have decided that this is the will of God, you have stepped out, you have confessed it is so and you cannot back up. Some of you are still in the fight, so just refuse to doubt. You will come to such assurance, and that's great, but don't stop there. Keep confessing it!

One time I went to the woods. I read (1st John 5:14-15), which are great verses on prayer and faith. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him." When do we have? When we believe we have. Anybody can believe they have, after they have. But you never have, until you believe you have. You must believe you have, before you can have.

I believed I knew a soul God wanted to save. I was disappointed a little bit when he did not come through the next Sunday or the next time I talked with him about spiritual matters. Then I backed off and looked at this truth of the activity of faith. I knew he was coming for salvation. Every time I saw this man I walked up to him and put my arms around him and I would say, "You know, I love you. You might die tomorrow, but if you die, God would have to resurrect you to save

you. You cannot go to hell; you are as good as saved." You know how long that went on? For seven months. Every time I saw that man, I'd say, "I love you and you are going to heaven."

We, he did not get better, in fact, he got worse. After seven months, at one- thirty in the morning he called the doctor and said, "I'm dying." He happened to call a doctor that knew God. There was no one else in the house with him. The doctor examined him, looked him over and said, "Sir,

there is nothing wrong with you," and left him. About thirty minutes later he met the living Christ. But there was seven months of the activity of faith, after the act of faith, before I saw the answer literally, tangibly in my hands.

I pray somehow these few thoughts will get into your heart and help you to realize that once you step out and believe God for something, to never quit until you see it in reality in your hands. In reality, see it face to face, and if you die, die confessing it!

This area is where the devil trips a lot of people. Many of you have come to the act of faith already about a number of things. In the days ahead, the devil is going to do everything he can to make you doubt. Remember, Jesus said, "Peter, I am praying that your faith fail not." Jesus is praying today that your faith will not fail. If it does fail, do not let the devil keep you down. Confess it, and come back to the place of faith as soon as possible. Because without faith, it is impossible to please God. Keep affirming that act of faith in the devil's face until he is made powerless. Keep looking at Jesus until you become strong. You will see the glory much sooner than you expected. When you let God in the boat when you are in a storm, you "speedily" go places. When they invited Jesus in the boat in the middle of the sea that night, they speedily went places.

It is not enough to get the report, or in other words, know what God's mind is. It is not enough to come and act, call those things which are not as though they are, and confess it

so. But you must "keep on" confessing it so, then you keep reminding the devil that he is a defeated foe. Say unto that mountain, "be thou removed." Whatsoever ye say, it will come to pass. Just keep on saying it, and the Lord will send Gabriel or Michael, to care for your problem.

That is what He did for Brother Daniel and He does not have any favorites. He loves you as much as He loved Daniel. Daniel stuck with God. He refused to doubt. He was reading the book of Jeremiah and found out something. He went to the Lord in prayer. He refused to doubt the book of Jeremiah, and he refused all the accusations the devil might have thrown at him about how wicked he was.

Twenty-one days, and finally the answer came!

Chapter Six (lesson 5 of 7)

Chapter 6 Scripture Memorization

The choice of Faith is the most important thing

1st John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1st John 15:15 And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

Chapter Six (lesson 6 of 7)

Chapter 6 Review

The choice of Faith is the most important thing

1. **Romans 12:3.** Through the grace given unto me... according as God hath dealt TO EVERY MAN the _____
2. Having then _____ according to the grace that is given unto us, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith.
3. Everybody has the _____ of faith.
4. There are three types of people, the (a) _____, the (b) _____, and the (c) _____
5. The _____ doesn't believe anything about God.
6. The _____ believes God can do anything, but it seems that God never does "anything" for him.
7. The _____ experiences the truth of the word of God.
8. The _____ comes and goes.
9. When the gift of faith operates in your life is it _____ the grace of faith.
10. One of the greatest mistakes the believer makes is _____ when he should be operating in the grace of faith.
11. When the gift of faith comes there isn't a _____ of faith. It is confidence and rest.
12. The first step in genuine Bible faith is taken by whom? _____

Chapter 6 Quiz

The Activity Of Faith

Quiz Score: _____ of 100

1. Everybody has the _____ of faith. (20 points)
 - (a) Understanding
 - (b) Hope
 - (c) Gift
 - (d) Power
2. Which came into existence first, the first or the last Adam? _____ (20 points)
3. "The first step of Faith is taken by God"(10 points)
 - (a) True
 - (b) False
4. There are three types of people... (20 points)
 - (a) Disbeliever, unbeliever and the believer
 - (b) Handsome, ugly, cute
5. Who will always try and rob you of the victory of Faith? _____ (10 points)
6. Do you know what Grace is? (10 points)
 - (a) Forgiveness
 - (b) Nice attitude
 - (c) A friend's mother
 - (d) God's unmerited favor
7. The greatest sin in the life of a Christian is...(10 points)
 - (a) Not going to Church
 - (b) Not reading the Bible
 - (c) Not praying
 - (d) The sin of Unbelief

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Enemies Of Faith

Faith's enemies are the obstacles a believer must overcome

Some are obvious. Others are deceiving. These enemies are hindrances which must be overcome in order to lead the victorious faith life.

DOUBT

is one of the greatest enemies of faith. Peter began to sink as he walked on the troubled sea because he doubted. Doubt caused Christ to rebuke the disciples, "Oh ye of little faith." Jesus did not do many mighty works because of unbelief.

HOPE

can be an obstacle of faith. Many times a believer will mistake hope for faith. Hope is contingent. It is uncertain. As long as a person hopes, rather than actively believes in God, he will never receive all that comes by faith. There is a difference. "Faith is the evidence" of things HOPED for. Faith is certain. Faith is substance!

REASON

is an enemy of faith. As far as man's senses are concerned, faith is not reasonable. Reason, by the same measure, is not faithful. Reasoning and rationalizing hinder faith. The "faith life" is a supernatural life, incapable of being reasoned. The believer's job is not to question God's motives, it is only to obey them.

FEELINGS

are enemies of faith. A man's feelings are not legitimate evidences of the life of faith. If God chooses to deal with a man in the area of his senses, then feelings aren't necessarily an enemy. But you are to be reminded that Satan can give you feelings. In fact, Satan can give you anything, but Jesus Christ. What you feel may not be what God is trying to relate or reveal. The Bible does not teach that "by your feelings" you are known, but "by your fruits". The life of faith is a fruitful life, regardless of man's emotions or feelings.

SACRIFICE

can be an enemy of faith. Lack of knowledge, concerning the difference between sacrifice and faith, is a definite obstacle in the believer's life. Many Christians hold the view that the life of faith is simply a life of sacrifice. They think it is "doing without" and "toiling on" in Jesus' name. Jesus has promised us "the desires of our hearts." He said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." Sacrifice, for the "sake of sacrifice" is a hindrance to Bible faith.

IGNORANCE

is listed as one of faith's enemies. A man can't believe what he doesn't know. He cannot learn except he be taught from the scriptures.

"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."

Thanks be to God for such a wise teacher, the Holy Ghost, destroyer of ignorance.

WORKS

are enemies of faith, when they are not products of faith. Paul declared in ([Romans 14:23](#)) that "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." A worship, a walk, or work that is not of faith is sin. Active energy, not empowered by the Holy Ghost, and works of the flesh are sinful. Therefore, they are unacceptable to God. "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him."

BARGAINING AND SYMPATHY

are enemies to the life of faith. Many believers approach God from a business or sympathetic, soulish standpoint. God only moves when someone believes. If you bargain or barter, God will not operate. You can try to play on God's sympathy with a real sob-story, but God won't move. Or, you can approach God by faith and see the Glory! God moves in accordance to your faith. Faith is the key that moves God out of heaven and into earth.

CONFESSION

can be an enemy of faith. Our faith is measured by our confessions. Sooner or later we become what we confess. There is a confession of heart and a confession of our lips. Often times what we confess with our lips is not what is in our hearts. What we say, is not really what we believe. When we hear our lips confess what our hearts aren't confessing it causes us to believe wrong. "We are what we say," becomes sadness rather than JOY. The right confession will set us free. The wrong confession imprisons us. Refuse to confess weaknesses, doubts, and fears. We are what HE says we are. "More than conquerors." "Hold fast to the confession of your faith." ([Heb. 4:14](#))

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Chapter 7 Scripture Memorization

Faith's enemies are the obstacles a believer must overcome

Romans 14:23 (NIV)

But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Chapter 7 Review

Faith's enemies are the obstacles a believer must overcome

1. Jesus did not many mighty work because of _____
2. _____ is uncertain. FAITH is the substance, the evidence of that which you _____ for.
3. The faith life is not _____ as far as man's senses are concerned.
4. The believer's job is not to reason with God, it is to _____ him.
5. If the Lord does not deal with man in the area of his senses then _____ is an enemy of faith.
6. (a) _____ for the sake (b) _____ of is an enemy of faith.
7. The life of _____ is not always synonymous with the life of faith
8. A man can't believe what he doesn't _____

Chapter 7 Quiz

The Enemy Of Faith

Quiz Score: _____ of 100

1. What is the greatest enemy of Faith? (20 points)
 - (a) Imagination
 - (b) A lot of Hope
 - (c) Doubt
 - (d) Being to smart
2. What do many believers mistake Faith for? _____ (20 points)
3. "Reason is an enemy of Faith"(10 points)
 - (a) True
 - (a) False
4. What are the three elements of Faith? (20 points)
 - (a) Volitional, Intellectual, Emotional
 - (b) Hope, Hard Work, Strong Desire
5. What enemy can give you good feelings about Faith? _____ (10 points)
6. How can works be an enemy of Faith? (10 points)
 - (a) Be a distraction
 - (b) Impresses the Pastor
 - (c) Impresses each other
 - (d) You get the credit not God
7. What is the vehicle by which we hear and receive Faith?(10 points)
 - (a) Listening to a sermon
 - (b) Our Intellect
 - (c) Our emotions
 - (d) The Word of God