

# Faith – Part 1

In this session we will review what faith is, how faith comes, how Jesus used his faith to resist the devil and how to resist the devil with your shield of faith in everyday life.

## Point #1: Faith is the root of everything you receive from God – A review

*It takes faith to believe what you are asking God for*

Mathew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

### Point 1A: What is Faith?

*Our faith is the evidence of the things that we hope for*

Hebrews 11:1

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

### Point 1B: How does Faith come?

*Faith comes by hearing the word of God. If you speak the word of God, your ears will hear it, and Faith will come faster because you believe your own words more than anyone else's. Faith will then get down into your heart*

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### Point 1C: You must put God's word in your heart in abundance.

*What is the source that your mouth speaks from?*

Mark 12:34

...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks

Mathew 15:11

Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

*If what comes out your mouth (being negative) defiles a man, the inverse is true – that which comes out of your mouth (with faith field words) will purify or sanctify you.*

### Point 1D: How is Faith Released?

*Faith is released by speaking*

Mark 11:23

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.

*You say, don't doubt in your heart, and believe – that those things which you say will come to pass, you will have whatsoever you say*

Job 22:28

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

*In Job 22:28 – decree the word of God by using scripture over your life and your body*

## **Point #2: How does Faith work?**

1 Corinthians 13:13

*Love is even greater than faith*

*In the Amplified Bible the word Love is used instead of Charity*

<sup>13</sup>And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Galatians 5:6

*Faith works by Love*

**6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.**

## **Point #3: Do all men have faith?**

Romans 12:3

*God has given to every man the measure of Faith*

<sup>3</sup>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.

2 Thessalonians 3:2

*In this verse we learn that unreasonable and wicked men don't have faith.*

<sup>2</sup>And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

## **Point #4: Keeping God's word in your mouth & in your heart**

***Do not let them depart from your eyes, keep them in the midst of your heart***

*Don't let them depart from your eyes (this means read the word of God – but also read it out loud)*

Proverbs 4:21-23

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

<sup>21</sup>Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

<sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

<sup>23</sup> Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

### ***Thou shalt meditate therein day and night***

*Even in the Old Testament God was already teaching Joshua the Mark 11:23 principal*

*The issue of life are stored in your heart (or spirit)*

*The results of doing this are making your way prosperous and having good success*

#### Joshua 1:8

<sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

### ***Don't walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners***

*Notice vs 2: its just like Joshua 1:8, meditate day and night*

The results are being like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which brings forth fruit, the trees leaves do not die, and whatever you do will prosper.

#### Psalm 1

**1** Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## **Point #5: Parallels to Mark 11:23**

### **Whosoever shall Say – our foundation scripture**

#### Mark 11:23

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.

*You say, don't doubt in your heart, and believe – that those things which you say will come to pass, you will have **whatsoever** you say*

### **Not just a Fig tree but...**

*A mountain also*

*So we see Jesus use a mountain a second time*

**Matthew 21:21**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

### **If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed – you would say to the mountain**

**Nothing shall be impossible unto you**

**Matthew 17:20**

*A mustard seed is very small – you don't need much faith to speak.*

*You “plant” your faith by speaking, and your faith will grow, just like a mustard seed.*

<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; **and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

### **If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed – you would say to the sycamine tree**

*Faith works on trees as well as mountains*

**Matthew 17:20**

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

### **Whatsoever your ask in my name – another blank check**

**John 14:13**

<sup>13</sup> And **whatsoever** ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

## Point #6: Applying your faith

### *Using the principle in Mark 11:23 with prayer in Mark 11:24*

*You shall have them what? – those things which you desired, when you prayed, that you believed you received*

*Based on Mark 11:23 – you say, doubt now, believe, then you have what you say – then in Mark 11:24 Jesus says, based on that description of how Faith works, (Therefore) – whatsoever things ye desire, when you pray, believe that you receive and **you shall have them**. It starts with your words and your confession before you pray.*

Mark 11:24

<sup>24</sup>Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire**, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

### *More proof of Mark 11:24*

*What every you ask the Father in the Name of Jesus, Jesus will do it*

John 14:13 - 14

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

### *Notice the phrase my Words abide in you – Mark 11:23 again*

John 15:7

<sup>7</sup>If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall **ask what ye will**, and it shall be done unto you.

### *According to his will*

*How do we know what God's will is? Find a promise in the Bible*

*Ex. #1 – Proverbs 18:22: Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.*

*Ex. #2 – Psalm 37:4-5: Delight thyself also in the Lord: **and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart**. <sup>5</sup>Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and **he shall bring it to pass**.*

John 15:7

<sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask **any thing** according to his will, he heareth us:

<sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, **we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him**.