



I. FAITH'S FOUNDATION

A. What is faith: Hebrews 11:1

King James Version:

- “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (KJV).

Amplified Version:

- “NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, ^{la}the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].”
- Faith is our belief, receipt of, submission and commitment to God’s Word manifesting in our lives. (J.C. Matthews)

B. What Faith is not:

- a. Faith is not religious nor simply belief in a doctrine, creed or even the Word.
 - i. Those Jesus said had great faith were both non-religious people
 1. Centurion – Luke 7:9
 2. Canaanite Woman – Matthew 15:28
- b. Faith engenders and requires a greater commitment, conviction and confidence in the Word than mere belief or mental acknowledgement or agreement with the Word.
 - i. James 2:9 – demons believe, but tremble
 - ii. Mark 9:24 – father believes, but has no faith for his son’s deliverance.
- c. Faith is the Word being established as fact and the defining truth concerning a matter upon our hearing it.

C. The Necessity of Having “Faith”

- Hebrews 11:6 – *Without faith it is impossible to please God.*
- Luke 18:8 – *When Jesus returns He will be looking for faith in the earth.*
- Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11 Hebrews 10:38 – We are commanded to live and conduct our lives based upon faith. *The Just /Righteous live by faith.*
 - 2 Corinthians 5:7 – We walk or live by faith, not by what we see.
- 1John 5:4 – *Our faith gives us the victory and overcomes the world*
- Hebrews 10:36 – *We inherit God’s promises through faith and patience*
 - Galatians 3:14 – *by faith we receive the promise of the Spirit*

D. Your faith can be grown and developed:

- Luke 17:5 – Disciples ask for their faith to be increased.



- Matthew 14:28-31 – Peter’s “*little faith*” enabled him to walk on water.
- Matthew 17:20 (Luke 17:6) - Jesus reveals that mustard seed sized faith is sufficient to do the miracles.
- Romans 1:17 – Our faith is designed to grow from “*faith to faith*”.

E. How do we receive faith?

- Romans 10:17 – *Faith comes by hearing and continually hearing the word of God.*
- Romans 12:3 – *God gives, allotted, apportioned every man a “measure” (sufficiency) of faith.*
 - The presence of faith gives God access into your situation to do extraordinary and supernatural things
 - However, the individual determines if, they receive anything, as well as, governs the means and method upon which they receive.

F. How does faith work?

- a. **Continually Hearing the Word of God: Romans 10:17** – Faith operates upon the substance contained in the Word and is the conduit that provides the hearer the ability to access and possess the thing(s) that they need.
- b. This is why Jesus often taught the Word of God or sent others before Him into the town He would travel to prepare the people heart and develop their faith in Word and Jesus as the “point of contact” for them to release the faith they developed from the Word to be healed or delivered.
 - I. Luke 9:1-6 (see Mat. 10:5-10, 11:1) & Luke 10:1
 - II. Romans 10:13-15a, 17.
- a. **Doing what Necessary to bring the Word to Pass: James 4:2** – faith without corresponding and equivalent action with the Word is dead in will produce nothing in the individual’s life.
 - I. Physical action (or works) by the Believer communicates: (1) agreement with and belief in the Word, (2) reception of Word, (3) commitment to its manifestation, (4) Submission to God Will, and (5) is the access and authorization for God to introduce supernatural power into the situation.
1. The primary believer’s primary battle is to hold onto their faith through the circumstance the enemy sends to frustrate the certain manifestation of the word in their lives, if they can endure.
 - i. Matthew 14:28-31 – Peter walks on water by faith but gives way to the circumstances (Peter’s “*little faith*” enabled him to walk on water).
 - ii. James 1:2-4, 6-8 – testing of faith and endurance/patience causes no want in life.
 - iii. Matthew 13:19-24 – Comes after the Word, from which faith is birthed (Ro. 10:17).



II. PURPOSE OF FAITH IN THE KINGDOM

- A. Faith satisfies the requisite reciprocal duty of citizens within a Kingdom of “allegiance”.
- Every citizen in a Kingdom owes the King and the Kingdom the duties of:
 - (1) Allegiance, (2) Obedience, and (3) The support of kingdom advancement.
- B. Faith’s effectiveness is found in our thoughts and perspective of a matter and of the *governing authority and power* we submit ourselves to. Which word will we adhere to and obey: (1) the world’s -kingdom of darkness, or (2) God’s – the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 1John 5:4 – Faith is a provision given by God to win against and overcome this fallen world system and its authority over the believer so that
- C. Two Essential Scriptures to understand the operation of faith in the Kingdom
- Matthew 4:17 – “*Repent*”: for the Kingdom of God has arrived or is available.
 - **Repent** (Gk. *Metanoeo*) to *think differently*. To change the way one thinks.
 - Romans 12:2a – “*And do not be conformed to this “world”, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*” (NKJV).
 - **Transformed** – *metamorphoo* – complete metamorphosis (example caterpillar to butterfly).
 - **Renew** - to renovate, replace old, non conforming material with suitable and conforming.

Faith in the Kingdom allows us to fulfill our assignments and purpose in the Kingdom without being confined, defined and limited by the weakness of this world (Romans 12:2a). Having a mind established that nothing is impossible to those who believe and trust in God (Mark 9:23), necessarily requires a transformation and renewal of the mind.

Faith has two primary functions in the Kingdom in the life of the believer/citizen. It empowers the believer to “Remove” things in their lives and to “Receive” from God.

- **Remove**
 - Mark 11:12-14 (Fig Tree)
 - Mark 11:20-23 – Remove a Mountain
 - Matthew 17:20 / Mark 9:2-13 – Remove a demon
 - Luke 17:6 – Remove a Sycamore Tree and cast into the sea
 - *Mark 5:25-34 – Her faith remove /healed her sickness (See also Mat. 14:36)
- **Receive**
 - Hebrews 11:6
 - James 1:2-4
 - Mark 11:24 (See also James 1:6-8)

III. Understanding the Laws and Concepts Upon Which Faith Operates

Faith operates upon the foundation of:

- (1) Law
- (2) Power
- (3) Authority

FAITH IS A LAW:

- **Romans 3:27** – says that faith is a “law”. This infers that its operation is not random or coincidental but order and realized by the adherence to predetermined standards or process.
 - **Hebrews 11:6** - Faith is the law of God.
 - A. **Law of Dominion** – God gave man dominion (sovereign authority) over the earth and the affair of men (Genesis 1:26). In order for God’s will to be done or for Him to intervene and impact the affairs of man, as Spirit, He must do so through the will of a human being. Man is the authorized medium of manifestation in the earth. All spirits obey this law: In order for the will or influence to be realized or manifested, they must be given expression through the will of a human being. This “authorization” is usually granted by the means of influence through thoughts and words.
 - i. God respects His Law/Word and man’s will even to man’s detriment.
 - B. **Power** – refers to the Source of ability to effectuate change. Since all Power and Authority originates in and with God, any authority and power that exists in anyone or anything else is delegated authority or power (See Ps. 62:11).
 - i. God is the Power behind all miracles and victory on behalf of the Kingdom.
 - ii. The Power is in His Word, which is the medium of power deliver into the physical realm.
 - C. **Authority** – is usually found in a delegated from an Author. Authority is delegated due to the absence of the author of the authority/power. Therefore, the vested with authority stands in the same shoes, as it relates to their assignment, as the Author.
 - i. Man is the authorized means by which God’s power gains entrance and expression into the affairs of men.
 - ii. Manifestation and miracles are a consequence of God’s Power, Will and Word being revealed and available to man, and man through his faith (an act of faith demonstrating their belief and submission to God’s will), gives access and entrance to God’s power in their situation.
- 1. POWER (GOD and His Will) + AUTHORITY (MAN – and submission of his will to God’s) = MANIFESTATION OF FAITH**

Faith is premised upon our appreciation of, belief in and receipt of the Power of God above all else

- *“And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God “(1 Corinthians 2:4-5 NKJV).*



This is why teaching of the present access, superiority and God's will to give us the Kingdom (and all its benefits) is necessary, because it develops our faith and expectations of God's will manifesting in our lives.

- Jesus often sent His disciples ahead of Him to the towns He would go to to teach the Kingdom and develop the people's faith and understanding of what He was bringing them. This is the reason when Jesus arrived at a place, people had already brought their diseased, possessed and infirm from all around, because the disciples / apostles had taught and told them to expect Him. Therefore, their faith, hope and expectations had been developed so that they could receive their deliverance based on Jesus being the physical point of contact to increase their faith.
 - 12 Apostles/Disciples sent: Matthew 10: 1, 5-8; 11:1 (see also Luke 9:1-6).
 - 70 Disciples sent: Luke 10:1-11

WORLD OVERCOMING FAITH

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith" (1 John 5:4 NKJV).

In respect to the Law of Dominion and man having sovereign (complete) authority in the earth, God must find and use men's faith to gain access into the world to establish His Kingdom and restore its culture in the earth.

JESUS – OUR POINT OF CONTACT

Point of Consideration: *Technically speaking, Jesus Himself never healed anyone that came to Him for healing.*

Let me explain. We are examining the "Law of Faith", that is how and upon what basis does faith work in the earth. We are not necessarily talking about the individual, but the basis upon, source and means of the individual's ability.

The miracles performed by Jesus for those seeking a change in their situation, were not performed "by" Jesus, but "through" Jesus as a divine point of contact for the:

- (1) Person's faith to be developed, increased and released upon, and
- (2) Power of God, in response to the access and authorization given by the individual's faith, to impact and change their situation.

The **Bible** said of Jesus in Mark 6:

- *"Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue'. ... 'And they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching" (Mark 6:1-6 NKJV).*
 - " He was not able to do even one work of power there ..." (AMP)

Jesus said of Himself :

- *"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel."* (John 5:19-20 NKJV)
- *"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."* (John 14:10-12 NKJV)

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly pointed to the source of miracles in a recipient's life – God's power released into a man's/woman's life by their faith. They, not Jesus determined "how" and "if" they received their deliverance.

The Individual determines "If" they received God's Power:

- **Matthew 9:28-30** – "And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."
- **Matthew 9:22** - "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well."
- **Luke 18:42** - "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." (NKJV)
- **Matthew 8:13** – "Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you."

The Individual determines "how" they received God's Power:

- **Matthew 8:13** – "just speak the word ..." – Jesus spoke the word.
- **Matthew 9:18, 25** – Lay your hand upon her.
- **Matthew 9:20-21, 22** – "For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."
- **Matthew 14:28-29** – Peter decided to walk on water. Jesus confirmed and said for him to "Come".
- **Matthew 14:36** – Sought to touch His the hem of his garment.

Jesus is the world's conduit for:

- God's Word – John 1:1-4, 14
- Faith – Galatians 2:16
- Salvation – Romans 10:9-10
- The Kingdom - John 14:6

God is only limited by:

1. His Word
2. His Law
3. Man's free will

God will never violate any of the three.