

Course IV

GREAT FAITH

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Lesson 1

Faith That Prevails Part 1

Lesson Objective. To understand the basic concepts of faith, and how to allow faith to work in your life.

Lesson Overview.

This is part one of a five part series. The objective of all five parts is the same. Each lesson builds upon the last one. There may be some repetition; however, this is necessary to emphasize certain points and to meet the lesson objective. The first principle that you must firmly believe is that Jesus and the Word are synonymous, or one in the same. The Word says that without faith, it is impossible to please Him. As individuals, we may own a Bible, but it is the Word that owns us. When we became Christians, we made a personal decision to yield ourselves to Christ. To completely yield ourselves, we must allow the Word to be the ultimate authority in our lives. We must renew our minds with the Word of God, then speak His Word, and finally, we must believe that His Word will do what it is sent forth to do. This requires a decision on your part. There is no room for fence riding. God says that He would rather us be hot or cold, but not lukewarm. Once you believe the Word, you will be a product of the Word.

As a believer, you must invest in your faith. You must guard your heart from trouble, and your spirit with all diligence. The Word says that whatever is not of faith is sin. Therefore, you must disallow worry, fear, and unbelief. You must cast down evil imaginations. If you do not, you will defile your body and spirit with your tongue. The quickest way to stop your miracle, and allow access to the enemy, is to engage your tongue while waiting for the

manifestation of God's promises. The Word says that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen. Your impatience can block your faith.

There are four fundamental principles of faith. First, you must recognize God's promises. To know His promises, you must know His Word. Second, you must believe that He will keep His promises, because He is not a man that He would lie; therefore, His Word will accomplish what it is sent to do. Third, you must decide to receive the faith He promises. This is the same faith used to believe that we are saved and that we will live eternally with Him in heaven. And finally, you must act upon His promises by consulting with Him, and acting upon His Word. The Word says that faith without acts is dead, and that we must be more than hearers of the Word.

Key Scriptures:

Romans 1:16-17

Romans 10:5-17

Habakkuk 2:2-4

Hebrews 10:3-8

Hebrews 11:3

II Corinthians 3:17-18

II Corinthians 4:6-7

II Corinthians 4:14

James 1:22-25

I John 3:19-24

Deuteronomy 8:18

Zechariah 4:6

Colossians 2:6-7

Review Questions.

1. What are the two prerequisites for salvation? Romans 10:9

2. How do you continually build upon your faith? Romans 10:17

3. Exactly how was the world created? Hebrews 11:3

4. How are the things which are not yet seen described? II Corinthians 4:18

5. We know that faith pleases God. What is our reward for being doers of the Word?

James 1:25.

6. As we have received Christ, how should we walk in Him? Colossians 2:7

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

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Lesson 2

Faith That Prevails Part 2

Lesson Objective. To understand the basic concepts of faith, and how to allow faith to work in your life.

Lesson Overview.

This is the second part in the five part series on faith. We will continue to discuss the principles necessary to allow faith to work in your life. We learned in the last lesson that to allow God's Word to work in our lives we must have a firm belief that the Word will do what it says it will do. In order to allow the Word to work in our lives, we must know the Word, and be able to rightly divide it. Let's just take one example. Does the Word say money is the root of all evil, or does it say the love of money is the root of all evil? God's written word is meant to provide us power. God did not intend for us to misquote His Word, or to use it out of context. God wants us to know His Word, believe it, and to use it in faith.

We know that without faith it is both impossible to please God and to receive anything from Him. Therefore, it is imperative that we control what we think and what we say. If we renew our mind through the Word, we will have control over our confession. Once we control our confession, we will speak God's promises instead of providing access to the enemy. We must learn to clean up our personal lives, especially in the areas of what we say, and what we see and do. To completely yield ourselves, we must learn to guard our hearts, our minds, our mouths, and our eyes.

Key Scriptures:

I Timothy 4:1-2

I Timothy 4:4-7

Hebrews 10:23

Galatians 3:5

Romans 4:17

Review Questions.

1. How do some depart from the faith? I Timothy 4:1

2. Why is godliness profitable? I Timothy 4:7

3. What does the Word tell us to do with our faith? Hebrews 10:23

4. How are the Word of God and miracles administered? Galatians 3:5

5. How do we compare to Abraham when we are believing? Romans 4:17

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

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Lesson 3

Faith That Prevails Part 3

Lesson Objective. To understand the basic concepts of faith, and how to allow faith to work in your life.

Lesson Overview.

This is the third part in the five part series on faith. We will continue to discuss the principles necessary to allow faith to work in your life. To be victorious in your Christian walk you must have an intimate relationship with Christ. The only way to know Him is through His Word. You can't know God, unless you know His Word, and the fact that He is faithful to His Word. We know that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not yet seen. Our faith and hope can't be in our material possessions. It is easy to believe in things you already have. That's not faith. It takes faith to believe in those things we are waiting for--those things that we do not yet possess.

God has given us His Word so that we can receive His divine nature. By constantly renewing our minds through the Word we spiritually strengthen ourselves. The Word injects us with His spirit, His presence, and His mind. The Word says that this book is life to those who read it. Only when we learn to put God's written word into our spirit, and confess His Word in our speech, will we have His divine nature.

When we have God's divine nature, we are entitled to His promises, and can thereby forbid access to the enemy. However, when we walk and talk in the flesh, we speak God's promises in reverse. If you aren't talking God's Word, then you aren't thinking them. If you

aren't thinking God's thoughts, then you are acting in doubt and unbelief. God says that whatever is not of faith is sin. Once you are in this position, you have allowed access to the enemy. Remember, what you put in your heart will come out of your mouth. We must make a conscious decision to line our confession with the report of God, and not of the enemy.

Key Scriptures:

II Peter 1:4

Hebrews 11:11

II Corinthians 1:20

Hebrews 6:12

Revelation 19:10

Deuteronomy 22:9

Job 6:24

Review Questions.

1. Why was Sara able to conceive when she was barren? Hebrews 11:11

2. Why is the new testament called a better covenant? Hebrews 8:6

3. What do the faithful and patient inherit? Hebrews 6:12

4. What are all the answers to the promises of God? II Corinthians 1:20

5. How do we escape the corruption that is in this world through lust? II Peter 1:4

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God's Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

Lesson 4

Faith That Prevails Part 4

Lesson Objective. To understand the basic concepts of faith, and how to allow faith to work in your life.

Lesson Overview.

This is the fourth part in the five part series on faith. We will continue to discuss the principles necessary to allow faith to work in your life. The foundation of the Christian walk is the Word of God. A Christian who is not using the Word as his or her foundation, anchor, or rock, is living beneath their rights and privileges. We are told to have a good report, and not to murmur or grumble. Murmuring is not of faith. God tells us that whatever is not of faith is sin, and that the wages of sin are death. We can be saved, but yet live a life on earth ravaged by the enemy because we allow him access into our daily lives by what we think, say, or do. It actually takes faith in reverse to believe the devil.

God has given us the power and authority to tread upon satan, “the god of this world.” By placing God’s Word in our hearts, and minds, and confessing His Word, we can keep the enemy under our feet at all times. We must never say that we don’t believe in this scripture or that scripture. The Bible is God inspired in its entirety. When you speak against any scriptures, you are putting limits on God, and stopping His ability to work in your life. You will break a hedge of protection and provide access to the enemy.

There are two areas that can hinder every believer’s walk. First, is your knowledge of the Word. God tells us to renew our minds. If a person chooses not to renew his or her mind, he or she is not fully cognizant of their rights and privileges. God says that His people perish for a

lack of knowledge. God's promises are only effective if we know them. The second area is unbelief. We already know that unbelief is sin. We know that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. When we accepted Christ, we accept the Word in its entirety. The Bible is not a Word that was applicable two thousand years ago. God tells us that His Word was the same yesterday, today, and forever. Instead of choosing not to believe scriptures you don't understand, you must accept them on faith.

Key Scriptures:

I Corinthians 10:9-10

Numbers 21:5

James 3:6

Proverbs 13:3

Revelation 21:23

Philippians 2:14-16

Review Questions.

1. How does a bad confession lead to destruction? Proverbs 13:3

2. How can the tongue destroy the entire body? James 3:6

3. How did the Lord punish the Israelites who murmured against Him? Numbers 21:6

4. How do we shine as lights in the world? Philippians 2:15

5. How do we draw closer to God? Psalm 145:18

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

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Lesson 5

Faith That Prevails Part 5

Lesson Objective. To understand the basic concepts of faith, and how to allow faith to work in your life.

Lesson Overview.

This is the fifth part in the five part series on faith. We will continue to discuss the principles necessary to allow faith to work in your life. Romans 1:16-17 says for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, and that the just shall live by faith. Faith is an aggressive act and requires work on your part. You can only know Jesus through the Word of God. You must hear the Word, meditate upon it, and then boldly pray it back to the Father. Your active prayer combined with patience and confident assurance in God is the act of faith He is looking for. As I have repeated, without faith, it is impossible to please Him. He can only shape those who have completely yielded themselves to do His will.

There are still those who seek to please God by their performance. This philosophy is based on the law and is doomed to fail. We will continue to come short of the glory of God unless we believe that we are saved by grace through faith and not by our works. The only thing God wants us to work at is our faith and confident assurance that His Word will do what He says it will do. He tells us not to be just hearers of the Word but doers, and that faith without works (meditation and prayer) is dead.

Every morning we should determine to do three things for God. First, ask yourself, what can I do to please God? How do you diligently seek Him in line with His Word? Second, ask

yourself, how can I purge myself of dishonor? What do I do that is not pleasing to God? And third, do the same things which led to your salvation. Be repentant, forgive those who have sinned against you, and ask the Father for forgiveness; then believe upon Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and boldly confess Him at every possible opportunity. It is these conscious decisions and acts that will determine how far we will go in Christ.

Key Scriptures:

Romans 1:16-17

Romans 8:29

Romans 8:32

Romans 9:6-8

Romans 9:21

Romans 10:1

Romans 10:9-10

Hosea 4:6

Hebrews 11:20

Ephesians 2:8-10

II Timothy 2:20

Proverbs 4:20-21

Review Questions.

1. How can we be confident God will give us all that we need? Romans 8:32

2. Why were God's people destroyed? Hosea 4:6

3. What was Paul's heart's desire for Israel? Romans 10:1

4. Why should you not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ? Romans 1:16

5. Just how are we saved? Ephesians 2:8

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God's Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

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Lesson 6

Faith and Impartation

Lesson Objective. To understand how faith is imparted to you.

Lesson Overview.


An impartation is the transference or sharing of something. To impart something you must have agreement at both ends. To receive anything from God, you must be in agreement with Him. The quickest way to be in agreement with God is through His Word. Your success will depend on who you keep your company with. You can choose to spend your time with the Holy Spirit or spirit filled Christians, or you can choose to spend time with people who will pull on your anointing.


What you receive from God is totally dependent on where your faith is. We know that we walk by faith and not by sight, or how we feel. Your faith can be effected in a number of ways. There will be days when you don't feel like praising God, and that is exactly when you should start praising Him. This is the time when you need to stir the gift that is within you. Regardless of how you feel, you must remain in the Word, or in communion with God. The Lord has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and a sound mind, so that we may come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain mercy in our time of need. It is when you don't feel like praising God that you need to go the throne room.

The Word tells us that we must be more than hearers of the Word; we must be doers. Your actions will be based on what you believe. As a believer, you should come to the point where you can launch out into the deep with God. However, before you can do this, you must


lose control, and let God be in control of your life. As Paul said, you must die daily to Christ. Once you rid yourself of doubt and unbelief, God is free to work in your life.


Key Scriptures:


Romans 1:11-12 

Romans 10:17 

I Thessalonians 2:8 

II Timothy 1:7 

Revelation 19:10 

James 1:23 

II Corinthians 5:7 

Review Questions.

1. Just how does your faith come? Romans 10:17

2. How should we guide our Christian walk? II Corinthians 5:7

3. What spirit has God imparted unto us? II Timothy 1:7

4. What is the common bond that comforts two Christians? Romans 1:12

5. What is the testimony of Jesus is called? Revelation 19:10

6. What are we told to do with the Word? James 1:23

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

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Lesson 7

All Manner of Prayer

Lesson Objective. To understand the principles behind effective prayer.

Lesson Overview.

Prayer is your spiritual communion with God. As believers, we must learn to pray in faith, nothing wavering. The quickest way to spoil your petitions is to ask in doubt or unbelief. Why bother asking for something you don't believe you will ever receive? During prayer you must cast down all imaginations that are not in line with God's Word. You must yield yourself intellectually, physically, and spiritually. The Word tells us that if we draw nigh to God that he will draw nigh unto us. As we completely yield ourselves, we allow God the access He needs to work in our lives.

Some Christians become disillusioned if they don't see the answers to their prayers right away. Therefore, you should continue to thank God until you know that you know that you know that you have received the answers to your petitions. You should pray until you are fully persuaded that you have heard from God that it is done. We must ask in faith, nothing wavering. The Word tells us that the effectual fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much.

Key Scriptures:

Genesis 32:24-29

Mark 11:22-26

Matthew 16:19

Hebrew 4:11



James 1:5-8



Review Questions.

1. What gives us the right to expect our prayers will be answered? Matthew 16:19

2. What must we do to avoid falling into unbelief? Hebrews 4:11

3. How are we characterized if we ask in doubt or unbelief? James 1:8

4. What does the Word tell us to do while we are standing in prayer? Mark 11:24

5. Why must we forgive others before we pray? Mark 11:25-26

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

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