

# Faith Life!

**Luke 7:50** – Then He said to the woman, "**Your faith has saved you.** Go in peace."

**Luke 8:46-48** – But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." <sup>47</sup> Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. <sup>48</sup> And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; **your faith has made you well.** Go in peace.

**Luke 17:17-19** – So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? <sup>18</sup> Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. **Your faith has made you well.**"

**Luke 18:40-43** – So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, <sup>41</sup> saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." <sup>42</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; **your faith has made you well.**" <sup>43</sup> And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

**This teaching will transform your life...but it will lay responsibility where it needs to be...We are blaming God too much for the lack of progress and blessing in our lives.**

Share the story of our beginning in Smithville, TN...show some pictures.

- There was only 11 people...
- If you will not count the people, you will not be limited to the people you count.
- I can afford you dream.

**I was told that God was the one that was in total control of every outcome, I really didn't have anything to do with it other than pray and beg God to sovereignty move in**

our saturation. But one day I stumbled over a scripture in my study time that messed my theology up...

**Joshua 1:8** – This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it for then **YOU WILL MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE GOOD SUCCESS.**

- I was waiting on God – He was waiting on me.
- I realized for the first time that I had a part to play in my dream.

**The promises of God are received by faith!**

**For every principle, promise, and prophecy  
there is a faith process to bring it to pass!**

**It will be your faith that will activate the kingdom  
response to bring it to pass!**

**In life you have to choose to face the issues with fear, frustration, flight, or faith. Your choice activates dimensions of the Spirit realm.**

## **Faith Mechanics...**

### **1. Faith disciplines of the Kingdom**

- a. The Kingdom has an order
  - i. **Matthew 6:33** – But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

- b. When we see this phrase “Kingdom of God” we are talking about God’s system – his principles and concepts of rulership.
  - i. When you were unsaved you were part of a kingdom – This world’s system.
  - ii. When you came to Christ, you now have become the citizen of a new Kingdom.
- c. Where is the Kingdom – Jesus said the Kingdom is within you...
  - i. Luke 17:20-21 - Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; <sup>21</sup> nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, **the kingdom of God is within you.**”
  - ii. You as a citizen of this kingdom can access it by faith
- d. **We have learned faith, but we don’t know how to live by faith!**

## 2. Faith dynamics of the Kingdom

**a. Promises of God are received by your faith.** - The just shall live by faith

- i. Without it I can’t please God
- ii. Mark 11:22-24 - So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.<sup>23</sup> For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that **those things** he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say to you, **whatever things** you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.”
  - 1. There is saving faith
  - 2. There is submission faith
  - 3. There is surrogate faith – I use my faith on behalf of another
  - 4. There is special faith – gift of the Spirit
  - 5. There is systematic faith

**b. Problems are resolved by faith**

- i. 1 John 5:4 – For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. **And this is the victory that has overcome the world — even our faith.**

**c. Potential is reached by faith**

- i. Romans 12:6 - Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy **in proportion to our faith.***

**The development of my faith determines where I am going in life!** - I can stop and get comfortable anywhere along the journey...

### Most Christians live by...

- **Religious routine** – Go to church, etc.
- **Random recklessness** – Saved but make dumb choices
- **Rational responsibility** – based on soulish knowledge – ruled by statistics and facts.
- **Revelatory resolve** – live by faith.

### ▪ I pray in faith

- Matthew 21:22 – “And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

### ▪ I proclaim in faith

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### ▪ I praise in faith

- Praise is the fruit of my lips
- The sacrifice of praise
- Hebrews 13:15 - Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

### ▪ I plant in faith

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 - But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
- God is not gonna change the rules for you – this is the dynamics of the Kingdom.

## Faith Maintenance

### 3. Faith defense of the Kingdom

The enemy will seek to steal faith and its rewards from your life...When I start living by faith, I have to also learn how to maintain my faith lifestyle. **HOW DO I MAINTAIN AND DEFEND MY FAITH FROM THE ATTACK OF UNBELIEF?**

- **Thoughts**
- **Tongue**
- **Team** – environment The blind man Jesus told not to go back into the city
- **Temperament** – the outward expressing of what I really believe

### Something supernatural happens when heaven sees faith!

Philippians 1:27-28 – Only **let your conduct be worthy of the gospel** of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and **not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.**

- **Don't you every be frightened or intimidated by any that opposes. Your demeanor of victory is a sign to your enemy that defeat, and destruction is coming to everything that opposes you!**
- Because when heaven sees faith, heaven cannot resist...
- Example – The woman who came to Jesus and he called her a dog...

**Stop living for people's sympathy and start living for the supernatural!**

**My demeanor makes a demand on heaven!**

- Based on the ability of God
- Based on the accuracy of His word
- Based on the account of His witnesses
- Based on the attitude of his willingness