

FAITH IN GOD PREVAILS

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DAY 1 – THE MEASURE OF FAITH ON THE INSIDE OF YOU

Every born-again person has God's faith inside of them, and it came by hearing His WORD. Jesus gave us an example of how to use faith to bring about change.

STUDY IT

- I. Every born-again person has God's faith inside of them.
 - God's faith works by certain spiritual laws.
 - We can study those laws and use them, and our faith will work!
 - We're going to talk about faith, beginning with Jesus' own personal teaching on the subject.
 - "Have faith in God" can be translated, "have the faith of God" or "have the God kind of faith" (Mark 11:22).
 - If you have the faith of God, it's going to be the God kind of faith.
 - This is God's faith, and this is the way God works. To see results, this is also the way we have to work.
 - The God kind of faith is released in words. To use the God kind of faith you must speak.
 - At Creation, God spoke, and what He said came into existence (Genesis 1:3).
 - Your unbelief can stop your faith. Your words of doubt will stop the action you desire.

- II. Jesus gave us an example of how to use faith to bring about change.
 - Jesus spoke to the tree and the disciples heard Him (Mark 11:12-14, 20-21).
 - Jesus spoke to the tree, then walked away.
 - Once He spoke the faith command, the result was in God's hands.
 - Once you have given the faith command, turn it over to God, and praise Him for the results.
 - Going back to Bethany that night, no one spoke about the tree.
 - This is vital to using faith. Don't examine what you are using faith to change.
 - When your faith is working, you can't always see it.
 - The next morning, the disciples saw the tree was dried up from the roots.
 - In order to get the desired results, He spoke to the tree and told it what to do.



III. Only born-again people have God's faith inside them.

- Any person who is in Christ, or born again, is a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- Paul said that men who are not born again do not have God's faith (2 Thessalonians 3:2).
 - Faith based on sense knowledge is the only kind of faith the natural man has. He believes what he can see and feel.
- You heard God's WORD, you believed it, you said it, and faith was there.
- Born-again believers walk by faith, not by sight or by the evidence of the five physical senses (2 Corinthians 5:7).

IV. The way faith comes is by hearing God's WORD (Romans 10:17).

- Salvation is by faith; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8).
 - When you made the decision to receive Jesus, you believed in your heart and said with your mouth that Jesus is your LORD (Romans 10:9-10).
- Every born-again believer receives the same measure of faith. We use that faith by believing and speaking what we believe (2 Corinthians 4:13).
 - It's what you do with that measure of faith that causes it to grow.

Additional scriptures: Mark 11:22-26; John 14:10, 8:28; Romans 12:3, 4:20, 14:1;
Mark 4:40; Matthew 16:8; 2 Thessalonians 1:3

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make this declaration with Kenneth Copeland:

I am a new creature in Christ Jesus. I have a measure of the God kind of faith. I have a measure of the same faith that brought the worlds into existence. I have a measure of the same faith that Jesus used and demonstrated when He was on the earth—healing the sick, doing miracles and raising the dead. I have a measure of the God kind of faith in me right now.



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DAY 2 – A STEADY DIET OF FAITH

Every born-again believer has the faith of God; and a strong diet of hearing The WORD of God will strengthen faith. To understand faith, we must look at Jesus' own personal teaching about believing and speaking. People were created to speak, and they either speak from fear or from faith.

STUDY IT

- I. Every born-again believer has the faith of God.
 - Believers are given the measure of faith (Romans 12:3).
 - Faith comes by hearing God's WORD (Romans 10:17). You heard it, you believed it, you accepted it, and you were born again of the Spirit of God.
 - Nonbelievers do not have faith in God. They have natural, human faith (2 Thessalonians 3:2).

- II. A strong diet of hearing The WORD of God will strengthen your faith.
 - The measure of faith is in you right now, and to grow your faith, you must be fed continually (Matthew 4:4).
 - Faith will come automatically and grow when you keep a diet of hearing The WORD of God.
 - Keep saying it, and keep acting on it.
 - The measure of faith will increase, if you will stay in God's WORD and don't allow yourself to say anything contrary to His WORD.

- III. To understand faith, we must look at Jesus' own personal teaching about faith (Mark 11:22-26).
 - You will go from "no faith" to "mountain-moving faith" if you do diligently what The WORD says to do.
 - When you pray, believe you receive what you pray for, and you shall have it.
 - You must believe in your heart that what you say happens—believe that you receive by saying the words, "I believe that I receive."
 - To fight the good fight of faith means to never, ever quit. No matter what things feel like or look like, faith will work!
 - Jesus didn't put the emphasis on the *believing* in this situation; He put the emphasis on the *saying*.

- You need to say what you want. Most people are not used to saying good things about themselves.
- Believers have the right to speak into existence things that are not, as though they already are.

IV. People are created to speak. They either speak from fear or from faith.

- When people speak from fear, they don't realize they are causing what they fear to happen, because they will have what they say.
- Things work by spiritual laws. The laws can't be changed. You either operate by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, or by the law of sin and death.
 - There is power in the integrity and the law of words.
 - Your words release the force of faith or fear, every time you speak.
 - Fear is faith in the law of sin and death. People have practiced it, and they're familiar with it. It's called worry.
 - Faith is belief that God will do what He said He will do.
- Meditate on God's WORD, God's will, and say it because you believe it, and you will have it.
- Thomas said he wouldn't believe unless he saw. When he could see, that's when he would begin to believe (John 20:24-29).
 - Thomas was not using faith.
 - Jesus said that those who see by faith, without seeing in the natural, are blessed.
- You have to make a decision to believe.
- When you pray, believe! Receive it! Say it!

V. Testimony of healing from cancer by LaShea McKinney.

- She spoke God's promises of healing fervently for 28 days, and then faith came.
- She was healed!
- The WORD of God comes to life when you take it!

Additional scriptures: 1 John 4:4; Ephesians 2:8; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Peter 2:24;
1 Timothy 6:12; Romans 8:2; Hebrews 1:3, 11:1

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Determine to speak words of faith, not fear. When you say something that is fear-based, enlist the help of a "faith buddy" to stop you and bring it to your attention, so you can correct yourself and speak faith in every situation.

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DAY 3 – THE SPIRITUAL LAW OF FAITH

Faith is not just an idea; it's a spiritual force with which God created the heavens and earth. As you learn to use spiritual laws, your faith in God grows stronger, but the spiritual force of faith will not work in an unforgiving spirit.

STUDY IT

- I. Faith is not just an idea; it's a spiritual force with which God created the heavens and earth.
 - Because you are a spirit being like God, you can do spiritual things using the spiritual laws of God.
 - The spiritual laws existed before the laws of physics; for example, the law of gravity.
 - Gravity is a physical law that continues to function and will continue until God turns it off.
 - Only recently has man learned how to use the laws of physics to bring our quality of life to the level we know today.
 - God used spiritual laws to create physical laws.
 - For example: People never really thought man would be able to fly. They didn't understand the laws that governed it. They didn't know anything about the laws of physics, or how to use them. Now flying is common—in fact, we have flown to the moon and back.
 - Man tapped into those laws of physics.
 - When you tap into spiritual laws, they work for you.
 - There is a spiritual law of faith (Romans 3:27).
 - There is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, and the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

- II. As you learn to use spiritual laws, your faith in God grows stronger.
 - Jesus demonstrated the law of faith of God by speaking to a tree, and it dried up from the roots (Mark 11:20-24).
 - Jesus said that anybody who believes in his heart, speaks what he wants, and doesn't doubt, can have what he says.
 - When you pray, believe you receive, and you shall have what you are praying for.



III. The spiritual force of faith will not work in an unforgiving spirit.

- It's a big thing to live and walk in the commandment of love. Without the love of God, you don't have any faith; and without faith, nothing works. Without love, you are nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).
- When you stand praying, forgive (Mark 11:25-26).
 - If you are praying, believing and speaking but nothing is working, check to see if you have unforgiveness toward someone.
 - Unforgiveness is sin. In a sin situation, your spirit begins to work to get the sin (in this case, the unforgiveness) out of you, so your faith will work.
- The faith of God will not work in an unforgiving heart.
 - When you don't forgive, you'll believe lies from the devil, the limited opinion of your flesh, and other wrong things.
- You forgive, not by your feelings, but by faith in obedience to God.
 - Say: By faith I forgive if I have anything against anyone. As far as I'm concerned, they're forgiven!
 - Stay in the atmosphere of repentance until you are completely cleansed of the unforgiveness. You can do it by faith in God who loves you.

Additional scriptures: Hebrews 11:3; 1 Peter 3:4; 2 Corinthians 5:1-6;
1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 1 John 4:7

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make this declaration daily:

I declare that today, I will forgive everyone that comes into my life. I choose to forgive as an act of my will, not based on my emotions. I forgive like God forgives, and I refuse to let offense about any person or situation come back into my heart or mind, in Jesus' Name! I am forgiven, and I freely forgive!



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DAY 4 – FAITH DETERMINES WHAT YOU RECEIVE

Faith is a gift of God, and your faith determines what you will receive. People who use God's faith are called the children of Abraham. You will receive what you believe and speak, because the powerful force of faith is released by your words.

STUDY IT

- I. Faith is a gift of God, and your faith determines what you receive.
 - Every born-again believer has received the same measure of faith (Romans 12:3).
 - Faith comes by hearing The WORD of God (Romans 10:17).
 - You say what you believe in your heart.
 - Jesus taught us how to use faith (Mark 11:22-24).
 - Believe you receive when you pray, and you will have whatever you desire.
 - God's WORD is received by faith, because it is given by His grace. God has integrity and that makes His promise a sure thing (Romans 4:16).

- II. People who use God's faith are the children of Abraham.
 - God told Abraham He had made him the father of many nations. It was up to Abraham to say it, believe it and receive it (Romans 4:16-24).
 - In the same way, God laid everything on Jesus, so as far as God is concerned, you are healed. It's up to you to receive your healing (1 Peter 2:24).
 - Abraham believed God's WORD—*according to that which was spoken* (Romans 4:18).
 - The messenger came to Mary and told her what God planned. She agreed, *according to God's WORD*. (Luke 1:35-38).
 - Even as Abraham believed God, it was accounted to him that he was righteous (Galatians 3:6).
 - After Jesus was raised from the dead, it's no longer *accounted* to us, but we are now *MADE* the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - God said He would justify the nations through faith, so we are justified and blessed with faithful Abraham.
 - Those who are justified, live by faith, which is what they believe in their hearts and say with their mouths.



III. The powerful force of faith is released by words.

- Say: "I'm an heir; I'm a joint heir with Jesus. I have the measure of faith. I walk in love, I forgive and I have faith. I call things that are not as though they already were" (Galatians 3:29).
- When you pray, that's when you start believing you receive it. You believe, and you receive (Mark 11:24).
- Faith is evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1-3).
- Thomas said he would not begin to believe without physical evidence (John 20:24-29).
 - Jesus said blessed are those who believe without physical evidence.
- When you make the decision to believe God's WORD, faith comes; and you can be certain you will receive!

Additional scripture: 1 Peter 3:4

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Take time to build your faith by reading and studying God's WORD about what you need. Then, you can believe and speak the answer to your prayer by quoting His WORD. Write a scripture that assures you that God will give you what you need.



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DAY 5 – HOW TO BUILD YOUR FAITH MUSCLE

Faith is like a muscle; it must be fed and exercised to be built up. Believe God's WORD in your heart—your inner man—and speak it, knowing that Jesus is the Apostle, the Christ and the High Priest over every one of your words.

STUDY IT

- I. Faith is like a muscle; it must be fed and exercised to be built up.
 - Jesus taught us how to use faith (Mark 11:22-24).
 - In this teaching, Jesus put the emphasis on saying, even more than on believing.
 - Using faith by believing and speaking is a spiritual creative law, and it works for anyone who will put it to work.
 - Creation law operates in a specific order: 1. Believe; 2. Speak those things that don't exist as if they did; and 3. They will come into being.
 - The saying part of the creation law has to come first.
 - The believing part cannot go into motion until you speak.
 - What you have now is the product of what you have been saying.
- II. Believe in your heart, your inner man.
 - Abraham believed according to God's spoken words—the words God said to him (Romans 4:18).
 - Mary believed according to what the angel Gabriel said to her (Luke 1:35-38).
 - This Bible is The WORD of faith that abides forever.
- III. Jesus is the Apostle, the Christ and the High Priest over your words.
 - Jesus is the One God sent (Apostle), and He is the Anointed One (Christ) (Hebrews 3:1).
 - Jesus is our High Priest, the Administrator of what we say that agrees with God's WORD (Hebrews 4:14).
 - Jesus is anointed to be the High Priest, the Administrator, the Minister, causing God's WORD to come to pass for the Body of Christ.
 - He's the Administrator over the words of your mouth.
 - Believers overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony, or their confession (Revelation 12:11).
 - Every time you say, "I believe I receive," faith is coming.

- The surest way to receive from God is to believe it in your heart, say it with your mouth, and receive.

IV. Every one of your words is important.

- Don't speak any idle words, for by every one of your words you are justified or condemned (Matthew 12:36-37).
- Fear, hatred, forgiveness and love are all released in words.
- The Bible contains many scriptures that deal with the effect of your words.
- Say it and believe it, and it will come to pass. Jesus Christ said so, and He is the Truth!

V. Testimony of Christian Turner's healing.

- Christian Turner immersed himself in The WORD of God for his healing. He believed for and spoke with determination his healing every day—and he was healed!

Additional scriptures: Genesis 1:3; Romans 10:17, 5:4; Matthew 18:16; Joel 3:10;
Proverbs 4:24, 6:2, 12:18, 13:2, 15:4, 18:7, 21; Psalm 19:14, 89:34

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