



## HOW FAITH FUNCTIONS

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### DAY 1 – HOW FAITH BECOMES SECOND NATURE

Anywhere in the Bible that God manifested Himself, faith was involved. Make functioning in the spiritual laws your way of life. All faith is based on the fundamental of believing something in your heart and saying it with your mouth. Man was created in the likeness of God, and you, like God, are a living, speaking spirit.

### STUDY IT

- I. Anywhere in the Bible that God manifested Himself, faith was involved.
  - Faith will work for anyone; that's why it's a basic fundamental.
  - The account of faith is found throughout the Gospels, but Mark's account is so detailed, we use it as our basic theme of the fundamentals of faith (Mark 11:22-25).
  - It's impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). Jesus pleased God. That means everything Jesus did was by faith. He didn't do any miracles or preach a sermon until He was baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit.
  - Jesus lived by faith ALL of His life. He only said and did what He heard and saw from His Father.
  - Jesus and the Father are One. They are in total and absolute agreement.
  
- II. Make functioning in the spiritual laws your way of life.
  - Some people think Jesus came into a town and healed everyone to prove He was God. No, Jesus had to follow spiritual laws.
  - Jesus taught and preached, then He healed (Matthew 9:35).
  - Faith functions according to spiritual law—the law of faith (Romans 3:27).
  - The laws of the spirit govern life and death (Romans 8:1-2).
  - The same laws govern faith and fear—they are just opposite from each other.
  - Spiritual law created the law of physics. The spiritual realm was first. The material realm came into being by God exercising the law of faith.





III. All faith is based on the basic fundamental of believing something with your heart and saying it with your mouth.

- The first act of faith is to believe in your words. It's necessary to know and understand that all your words are important. You will stand in judgment for even your idle words (Matthew 12:36).
- To receive salvation, believe with your heart and confess with your mouth, and you will be saved (Romans 10:10). Confession brings possession.
- There is a spirit of faith, and it's in two parts: believe and speak (2 Corinthians 4:13).

IV. Man was created in the likeness of God, a living, speaking spirit.

- Believe that, like God, you are a living, speaking spirit.
- The words you speak are your faith talking. What you say is what you believe.
- We can do the works of God, using the faith of God.
- The primary function and use of words are not communication. Communication is secondary. The primary use of words is power release.
- By your words you are made right with God; or by your words you shall be condemned (Matthew 12:37)—not by your actions.
- The power of death and life are in the [power of the] tongue [in the hand of the tongue] (Proverbs 18:21). They that love it [continually practice it] will eat that fruit.
- Most people speak out of their minds, not their spirits.
- Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks (Luke 6:43-45).
- You cannot express faith with words of fear.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

The primary function of words is to release power.

*Write phrases you can say to release God's power in your physical body, family, job—your life!*

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### DAY 2 –FAITH CONSIDERS FIRST WORDS

All faith is based on the fundamentals. Remember, when you are praying, you must forgive. Faith does not work in an unforgiving heart. The first words you speak have a strong impact. Speak words of faith from God's WORD.

### STUDY IT

- I. All faith is based on the fundamentals.
  - The first fundamental of faith is to believe something with your heart and say it with your mouth.
  - Jesus said that if you believe, you WILL (the strongest affirmation in English) have.... "Therefore I say unto you. Whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe you receive them and you shall have them" (Mark 11:22-25).
  - The believing comes before the having or receiving.
  
- II. Remember, when you are praying, you must forgive. Faith does not work in an unforgiving heart.
  - Even an air of unforgiveness is enough to stop faith.
  - If you don't forgive, you make yourself a judge. You don't know what's going on, so you are not qualified to judge.
    - The Bible says to pray for all men, kings and all those who are in authority—not judge those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
  - Because faith can't be felt, it can get feeble, and you won't even know it. Your mind is still thinking all the good words, but your words are full of doubt and unbelief. That contradiction will weaken your faith.
  - Jesus said that every tree is known by its fruit, meaning your life and actions are the outward expression of your heart (Luke 6:43-45).
    - The "good man" in this scripture is a faith person.
    - Are you putting faith or doubt in your heart all the time? That source will change the words that come out of your mouth.
  - Evil in...evil out; faith in...faith out; fear in...fear out. In a moment of pressure, what is in your heart will come out of your mouth.





- III. The first words you speak in a situation have a strong impact on that situation.
  - Brother Copeland relates a time when he was walking through the house in the dark and kicked the ottoman in his living room so hard that he broke his toe.
  - His first words when he kicked the ottoman were, "Jesus, in Your Name I am healed."
  - He refused to look at his toe, but continued to say that God had healed it.
  - The next day, the toe was miraculously healed.
  
- IV. Speak words of faith from God.
  - The soldier's psalm is Psalm 91—a psalm of protection.
  - The soldier's promise is that God will help him (Numbers 32:20-22).
  - He who lives in the secret place of the Most High God is safe, and he gets into that secret place with words of faith.
    - You must use the faith fundamental: Believe and SAY... "He is my refuge, my fortress, my God, in Him will I trust" (Psalm 91:2).
    - Know for sure that God will deliver you (Psalm 91:3).
  - Romans 10:6 says that righteousness, which is of faith, speaks.
  - God's WORD is near you; it's with you. You don't have to look to heaven or hell; it's right there with you in your mouth...The WORD of faith.

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

Start practicing today with phrases you will say when confronted with pressure or an emergency situation. Practice saying what you will say that is in line with God's WORD.

Below, write a few phrases that you can use to combat fear and enforce faith in God's power, love and authority. Be prepared!

*Example: I refuse to fear!*

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### DAY 3 – THE SPIRITUAL LAW OF FAITH IS PREDICTABLE

The spiritual law of faith is predictable. The laws in the spiritual realm work with the same consistency as natural laws, like the laws that govern flight. Put God's WORD in your mouth and in your heart—that is, The WORD of faith, the Bible. Believe in your heart that Jesus is your Savior and LORD.

#### STUDY

- I. The spiritual law of faith is predictable (Mark 11:22-25).
  - What is a law? A law is something that is 100 percent predictable. For example: The law of gravity works for everyone all the time.
  - Once you learn the law, it opens your understanding to how other things work, especially spiritual things.
  - There is a law of faith (Romans 3:27), the law of liberty (James 1:25), the royal law of love (James 2:8) and others.
  - These fundamental laws work 100 percent of the time.
  
- II. The laws in the spiritual realm work with the same consistency as natural laws, like the laws that govern flight.
  - The law of lift supersedes the law of gravity, but the law of gravity still works!
  - A Boeing 747 would have flown in 1618, 1718 or 1818, just the same as it flies in 2018, as long as the builder and pilot know and follow the laws.
  - Brother Copeland tells of a friend who taught another man to fly. The new pilot bought a little airplane, and he and the instructor took off for a fishing trip. In midair, the engine quit.
    - The owner cried, "What are we going to do?"
    - The instructor said, "We are going to land." They began to glide until they found a smooth place to land. All was well, except the engine had to be replaced.
    - The novice was frightened by an unexpected thing happening.
    - The instructor was prepared and remained calm, and they landed safely. He understood the laws that govern flight.
  - When some unexpected thing happens, your first words are crucial!



- Train yourself so that what you say at the beginning of an emergency comes from your heart full of faith in God—not fear.
- III. Put God's WORD in your mouth and in your heart—that is, The WORD of faith, the Bible.
- Confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD, and believe it in your heart (Romans 10:5-10). Live a life of faith and minister the faith life to others.
  - Realize that you have a choice of one of two things: 1. You can have a miracle in your mouth, or 2. You can have destruction in your mouth.
    - In a time of pressure or an emergency, you don't have time to think about which choice you will make.
    - What is in your heart *will* come out of your mouth.
  - Brother Copeland tells of a lady who had been in a car accident with her husband and children. Everyone was seriously hurt, except for her husband. She couldn't understand why he was the only one who died. Brother Copeland agreed with her that she would know the answer (Matthew 18:19).
    - Later, she came to Brother Copeland, and said she knew why her husband died.
    - Right after the accident, her husband checked on each family member in the hospital.
    - He came to her and said, "I am a dead man." He died a few days later.
  - First words are crucial!
  - People can speak death in a joking manner for many years, and when they die, no one will connect their words to their deaths—but there is a connection!
    - Whether a person realizes it or not, his words guide his life. That's a spiritual law.
    - You don't have to be born again for your words to come to pass.
  - Be like the psalmist and pray that God will put a watch over your mouth that you don't sin against Him (Psalm 141:3).
- IV. Believe it in your heart that Jesus is your Savior.
- It's good to believe, but there's more. You have to *say*, "Jesus is LORD."
  - The first foundation of faith is to believe it with your heart then say it with your mouth.
  - The second foundation of faith is to do a corresponding action.
  - Be a doer of God's WORD, not just a hearer, deceiving your own self. A person who hears and doesn't do is like a person looking in a mirror, who sees himself, but forgets what he saw (James 1:22-25).
  - He who looks in the perfect law of liberty will see and do what he sees in The WORD; and he will be blessed in what he does.
  - A person who doesn't have faith doesn't have corresponding action (James 2:14).





- Faith is a spiritual force generated in the born-again human spirit, released through the mouth with words, and backed with corresponding action.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Faith works every time, because it's a spiritual law.

*Write a faith confession you can speak over yourself and your loved one each day. Don't forget to use Scripture as a basis for your belief. Be confident God WILL keep His WORD to you.*

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### DAY 4 – WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS WHAT YOU'LL SPEAK AND DO

Humans were created by faith and were created to use faith. We are faith beings. Listen and allow your heavenly Father to teach you, and instruct you on how to speak like your big Brother, Jesus Christ. The Word of Faith is found in the Scriptures. The fundamentals of faith can be found in all of the miracles in the Bible. What you desire, when you pray, believe it in your heart, then you will see it. What you believe is what you will speak and do.

### STUDY IT

- I. Humans were created by faith and were created to use faith. We are faith beings.
  - The opposites of love, hate; faith, fear; life, death; and blessing, cursing are each spiritual forces.
  - Since Adam's disobedience, fear is natural, and the world is completely absorbed in it. The cycle of fear continues from parent to child.
  - We are commanded to be imitators of God, not imitators of the world (Ephesians 5:1).
  - When you immerse yourself in the laws of faith, they become even more real to you than fear.
  
- II. Listen and allow your heavenly Father to teach you and instruct you on how to speak like your big Brother, Jesus Christ.
  - We have been given the mind of Christ, but our minds have to be renewed to His mind (Romans 12:2).
  - Christ is the Anointed One.
    - We have His Anointing available for our souls (mind, will, emotions) that Jesus operated with in His mind, will and emotions when He was in the earth.
  - By faith, your mind must be renewed, so you think like Jesus thinks and speak like Jesus spoke when He was on the earth. Then you will get His results.
  
- III. The Word of Faith is found in the Scriptures (Romans 10:8).
  - It may seem like just a movement, like the praise movement, and the former and latter rain movement; but faith is essential to have a relationship with God.
  - The Scripture says, "It's impossible to please God without faith" (Hebrews 11:6), not "...without the former and latter rain."





- Our belief is of faith, so that it might be by grace (Romans 4:16). No love, no faith; no faith, no grace (Galatians 5:6).
  - Without faith we cut God out of our lives, and we refuse His blessings.
  - The slang word *fan* comes from the word *fanatic*. I'm a Jesus fanatic; a WORD-of-God fanatic.
  - God and His WORD are all we need to think about, and that attitude pleases Him.
- IV. The fundamentals of faith can be found in all of the miracles in the Bible.
- No. 1: Believe it with your heart and say it with your mouth (Mark 11:22-25).
  - No. 2: Exhibit corresponding action (James 2:14).
  - The woman healed of the issue of blood used the fundamentals of faith (Mark 5:25-34).
  - David in the Old Testament used the fundamentals of faith.
    - David *said* to Saul that the uncircumcised Philistine had no covenant with God.
      - David acknowledged that he could not do feats of strength in himself, but he had a covenant with God (1 Samuel 17:34-37).
      - Goliath and the devil said to David, "I'm going to kill you."
      - David *said*, "I'm going to kill you. You have no covenant with The LORD God of Israel" (1 Samuel 17:43-46).
    - David *believed* it in his heart, *said* it, and then used corresponding action. He *acted* as though victory was absolutely certain.
- V. What you desire, when you pray, believe it in your heart, then you will see it.
- "Believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24, *NIV*).
  - Corresponding action is doing things with the full assurance that God will make them happen.
  - The woman with the issue of blood needed healing and had spent all of her money on doctors, but she did not get better. She heard of Jesus, and said, "If I can touch Jesus' clothes, I will be healed." When she touched His clothes, then she felt inside herself that she was healed.
    - Jesus felt the power go out of Him, so He stopped and asked who touched His clothes.
    - The woman came and told Jesus all the truth.
    - Jesus said, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."
  - The only thing Jairus said was, "Put Your hand on my daughter, and she will be healed." That's all he said, even when he was told that she was dead, and Jesus raised her from the dead (Mark 5:22-24, 35-42).
    - The girl was actually dead. Jesus said she was asleep, because He spoke things that had not yet happened as though they had (Romans 4:17).



- VI. What you believe is what you will speak and do.
- People say what they believe. Whatever you are saying is actually your faith talking.
  - It's not your intentions that come to pass; it's what you *say* that will come to pass. It's a spiritual law.
  - The woman who had the blood flow said what she believed. The Hebrew word in that passage is *lego* which means "continuing to say." She was building her faith like building with blocks.
    - We know this woman heard The WORD that Jesus preached, because in her heart, faith came (Romans 10:17).
  - Jesus preached from Isaiah 61:1-3 everywhere He went (Luke 4:18-19).
    - Jairus, the leader of the synagogue in Capernaum, was Jesus' rabbi.
    - The Roman centurion, who came to Jesus for healing for his servant, had built a synagogue in Capernaum.
  - Jesus was anointed to preach, to heal the sick and to supply supernatural debt cancellation.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer with us:

*Heavenly Father, thank You for Your plan to allow us to know You and live like You live—by faith. Thank You that we can please You by using faith. Father, we believe in Your power, and we want to speak with boldness what You have promised. If we see in Your WORD a promise that we can pray, we determine to speak it as if it's already done. With Your help, we will begin to act as though it's ours with corresponding action. Thank You, Sir, for Your love toward us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

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### DAY 5 – A THREE-STEP PLAN FOR MANIFESTATION

The fundamentals of faith are essential for victory in your life. See God's WORD as final authority in every situation. Study God's WORD to increase your faith.

#### STUDY IT

- I. The fundamentals of faith are essential for victory in your life.
  - No. 1: Believe it with your heart, and say it with your mouth (Romans 10:10).
  - No. 2: Act on your faith; act on God's WORD.
  - We do not have the right to believe whatever we want to believe—not as Christian people and certainly not as ministers of the gospel.
  - We believe what we find in Scripture confirmed by two or three witnesses (Matthew 18:16).
  
- II. We must see God's WORD as final authority in every situation.
  - Kenneth Copeland was training to fly a specific jet, and the instructor held up the flight manual that Lockheed, the builder, had written about the jet. He also held up the flight safety manual.
    - The instructor said that if there is any discrepancy between the two manuals, go by the jet flight manual.
  - In studying spiritual things, remember that the Bible is The WORD of God. If there's any question of what to do, do what God's WORD says. It is the final authority.
    - Commentaries and textbooks are good *if* they agree with the Bible.
  - This Bible is just as much a manifestation of God in the earth as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is Anointed. It is supernatural and brings faith.
  - In the case of the woman healed of the issue of blood—even if she were healed, she would still be financially destitute. She kept saying, "I will be made whole" (Mark 5:25-34).
  - Say what you believe; that's the first part.
    - Now, continue on and be a doer of The WORD (James 1:22).
  - Even an atheist can know the Bible. That doesn't mean he knows the God of the Bible.



III. Study God's WORD to increase your faith (Romans 10:17).

- If you are reading the Bible to get something to preach, and if that's where your faith is, you *will* get something to preach.
  - Brother Copeland was doing this, and he had a disk blow out in his back. He was searching The WORD for preaching revelation, but he was not believing for his health, and he was not resting like he should have been.
  - He had to come to the place where he read the Bible with the intent that he believed he received healing—not just to find another truth to preach.
- The woman with the issue of blood got her faith up to the place she could get out of the house and touch Jesus' clothes. Her intention was to quietly come to Jesus, touch His garment, then scoot on back home. Jesus stopped her, and she testified of what was going on, what she did, and how she was healed.
  1. She heard it.
  2. She kept saying it.
  3. She believed it.
  4. She saw herself with it, thereby changing her inner image.
  5. She acted on it.
- Jairus could have given up. He could have thought, *this woman is talking too much and taking too long. We need to get on to my daughter.* But he didn't say anything.
- When Jesus said, "Daughter," Jairus knew the woman was a daughter of Abraham, and his daughter was a daughter of Abraham. If this woman got her healing, his daughter would get hers, also!
- Kenneth E Hagin, at 16 years old, was paralyzed from the waist down and was dying. He lay in his bed and visualized his own funeral for 12 months.
- Then he found a scripture, Mark 11:22-24. He began to visualize himself healed. Instead of thinking of his funeral, he began to prepare sermons on healing, because he KNEW he was going to be healed.
- You need to be testifying about God's healing power even before you see or feel the healing (Romans 4:17). Tell people that Mark 11:22-25, 1 Peter 2:24, and Galatians 3:13-14 are true.
- You are redeemed from sickness and disease, and you don't have to have them!





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