

## FAITH AND LOVE: OUR WAY OF LIFE

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### DAY 1 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE BY FAITH?

“The just shall live by faith” is written four places in the Bible. A life of active, living faith is the secret to success. God created this universe by faith—God’s invisible, creative force. The creative force of faith is evident in the lives of people in the Bible.

### STUDY IT

- I. “The just shall live by faith” is written four places in the Bible: Hebrews 10:38; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Habakkuk 2:4.
  - Gloria Copeland gave an example of faith at the Nashville Victory Campaign Healing School in 1992.
    - She said, “Someone said we’re going to have a financial crash in 1993, and up out of Ken’s mouth came, ‘No crash for me in ’93!’ You need to rebound with the Word of God, and have it in you to such a degree that fear doesn’t have a place to start.”
  - The person who walks and lives by faith never has to change his lifestyle because of the economy.
  - You have to think and talk that way and constantly stay in The WORD. It has to become a way of life until that’s what you are all the time.
    - The pitfall is to get in a habit of speaking by faith and it becomes only mental ascent.
    - It sounds good but the words are coming from your head and not your spirit.
- II. A life of active, living faith is the secret to success.
  - Faith is now, hope is for the future (Hebrews 11:1).
  - Hope is faith’s blueprint. Real Bible hope is when you see that The WORD says, “By His stripes you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).
    - Faith is when you declare out loud: “God said I’m healed, so I am!”
  - When faith becomes real fact to you, then you know that what you are believing for belongs to you.
- III. God created this universe by faith—God’s invisible, creative force (Hebrews 11:3).
  - God said, “Light be, and light was” (Genesis 1:3).



- Science tells us that light travels at 186,000 miles per second. Over 16 billion miles of universe was created in the first 24 hours, and the universe is still expanding.
  - God said it and His faith did it.
  - We have been given the same faith.
    - Jesus said, “Have faith in God” or “Have the faith of God” (Mark 11:22).
  - You can't be saved without faith. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).
- IV. The creative force of faith is evident in the lives of people in the Bible (Hebrews 11).
- “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain” (Hebrews 11:4). Abel offered it by faith.
    - This powerful force of faith was so alive in Abel's inner man that he gave God the best he had.
  - Cain was a farmer. He gave God the “nubbins.”
    - That's when you keep the best for yourself and give God the leftovers.
  - Oral Roberts' family were corn farmers.
    - His dad told Oral, “We take the best and the biggest of the crop, and put that aside. We're not going to eat those; that's our “seed” corn. We keep the best and sow it in the ground at the next planting.
    - If we eat the nubbins and sow the best, within five years the nubbins will be as good as the best was when we started.”
  - That's what faith will do to your crop, particularly if you're tithing.
  - That's the way God does things. He gave us His very best, and He did it by faith.
    - God gave His only begotten Son, so that many sons could come to glory (John 3:16, Hebrews 2:10).
  - God planted Jesus as a Seed; and it worked—it got me and you!

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Living by faith is exciting! Read Hebrews 11, and expect faith in God to change things and make you strong.

Make a list of what needs to be changed in your life and family; and speak to each one in faith, believing God will do His part to make you victorious.

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### DAY 2 – LIVING IN GOD'S CREATIVE FORCE OF FAITH

God started creation by faith. Many men and women in the past lived by faith, including Jesus. When Jesus rose from the dead, He ascended to heaven. God was obligated by the covenant of blood. Jesus came to paint a true picture of the Father as total goodness.

### STUDY IT

- I. God started Creation by faith.
  - That same creative force of faith was evident in the lives of people who believed God (Hebrews 11).
  - By faith, Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain (Hebrews 11:4).
  - God gave His perfect sacrifice, His only begotten Son, Jesus.
    - God planted Jesus as a Seed; and it worked—it got me and you! And a lot more of them are coming, more now than ever before.
  
- II. Many men and women in the past lived by faith, including Jesus.
  - By faith, Abel. His faith offering is still speaking today (Hebrews 11:4).
    - By faith, Enoch pleased God; he did what God said (Hebrews 11:5).
    - By faith, Noah (Hebrews 11:7).
    - By faith, Abraham (Hebrews 11:8-10).
    - Through faith, Sarah (Hebrews 11:11).
  - Daniel had a spirit of excellence in him (Daniel 6:3).
  - An excellent spirit refuses to compromise. An excellent spirit speaks The WORD of God.
  - Jesus' ministry was a ministry of excellence.
  
- III. When Jesus rose from the dead, He ascended into heaven.
  - When Mary saw Jesus, she thought He was the gardener. But when He called her by name, she knew Him (John 20:15-16).
  - Jesus said, "Don't touch Me. I have not yet ascended to My Father" (John 20:17).
    - Jesus had to appear before God Almighty, Jehovah, and His blood had to be ministered to cleanse the heavenly utensils of worship from Adam's sin (Hebrews 9:23).



- Jesus had to appear to the Father and be accepted (Hebrews 1:8). Then Jesus came back to speak to His followers.
  - The moment He stepped out of that throne room was the moment we were saved and healed. And that finished the devil.
    - It finished off Adam's sin; it was done right then. Sin and the curse were over.
    - God said, "That's enough."
    - He turned all judgment over to Jesus.
  - When the First Covenant was finished, Jesus was born right on time.
    - Micah prophesied His birth 715 years before (Micah 5:2).
  - The moment Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father, He became The LORD Advocate General, Commander in Chief of heaven and earth.
  - Jesus is the Author and Developer of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).
- IV. God was obligated by the covenant of blood.
- God said to Abraham, "As for Me, My covenant is between Me and you" (Genesis 17:4).
  - The "h" was put in the middle of Abram's name making him *Abraham*. Isaac was his only begotten son.
  - Abraham knew God would raise Isaac from the dead.
    - Abraham said, "I am going to do what my covenant Friend said to do and sacrifice my son. God will raise him back up" (Hebrews 11:17-19).
    - Abraham told the men, "My son and I will be back" (Genesis 22:5).
  - God foresaw that the day would come when Jesus would say, "Let this cup pass from Me" (Matthew 26:39), He couldn't.
    - God was obligated by covenant to let His Son be sacrificed.
  - The covenant with Abraham was settled right then.
    - It was settled again in the throne room of God when the books were closed on that First Covenant.
- V. Jesus came to paint a true picture of the Father as Total Goodness.
- There is no darkness in Him at all (1 John 1:5).
  - Jesus manifested Him in the earth and gave us the same faith with which He went to the cross; the same faith that God used to create the universe is living in us.
  - It's time for us to do something with our faith.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Faith is a spiritual force that's available to you. Receive the faith for what you need and thank The LORD for the answer.





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### DAY 3 – FAITH AND LOVE WORK TOGETHER

There is a law of faith. God loves us, and it's His desire that we be saved by faith. God is Love. He loves you as much as He loves Jesus.

#### STUDY IT

- I. There is a law of faith (Romans 3:27).
  - Faith is a spiritual law that is predictable. You can't mess up its formula.
  - Faith doesn't mix well with flesh or mental reasoning; it mixes with The WORD.
  
- II. God loves us and it's His desire that we be saved by faith.
  - "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1).
  - The Greek word for salvation is *sozo* which means "salvation, healing, soundness."
  - Faith comes, not by feeling like it or thinking about it, but by hearing it (Romans 10:17).
  - Fear comes the same way.
    - Fear was Adam's faith reversed. When he missed it and sinned, fear entered into him (Genesis 3:10).
    - Fear is faith in reverse. Fear is not OK.
  
- III. God is Love (1 John 4:8).
  - The WORD doesn't say, "God is Power." God is Love; He has power and uses it on behalf of that Love.
  - "The Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5).
  - Brother Copeland has a close, intimate relationship with God.
  - God loves Brother Copeland and he has faith in that Love.





IV. God loves you as much as He loves Jesus.

- “I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me” (John 17:23).
- Brother Copeland had a hard time believing that God loved him as much as He loved Jesus.
  - His knees were shaking, as he confessed, “God loves Kenneth as much as He does Jesus.”
  - Then he got the revelation: God loves me!
- It was because God loved us that He gave Jesus.
- God so loved the world that He gave the only Son He had (John 3:16) in order to get billions more! We are part of the more.
- Make this confession: *God loves me just as much as He does Jesus. I am a whosoever who was part of the world, and now I’m not just a whosoever. He doesn’t love me because I’m special; I’m special because He loves me. Now I know my faith works because faith works by Love, so I practice that Love. Hallelujah!*

MAKE IT PERSONAL

As you use your faith and expect results, make sure the Love of God is first place in your life. God loves you, and He wants to have a relationship with you. Ask Him what you want; and speak and believe He will answer.

Check yourself to see if you are walking in Love. Write down any areas in your life in which you need God’s help. Repent for trying to do it yourself, ask The LORD for help, and receive His perfect will.

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### DAY 4 – THE WISDOM OF FAITH

We are saved by grace through faith. Faith calls things that be not as though they were. This Bible is just as much a manifestation of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as if the three were standing here. Faith demands corresponding action. Jesus' Name can do anything He can do.

### STUDY IT

- I. We are saved by grace through faith.
  - We are not saved by works but by the law of faith (Romans 3:27).
  - There are spiritual laws.
  - Laws are predictable. Once you know all of the elements of a certain spiritual law, then you can understand how to work it every time.
  - Faith is a spiritual force, not a mental force.
  - The Fundamentals of Faith are:
    1. Believe in your heart, then say it with your mouth (Mark 11:23; Romans 10:10; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Luke 6:43-45; Matthew 12:35-37; Mark 5:25-34).
    2. Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart.
    3. Abraham's BLESSING cannot be received with Thomas' faith.
  
- II. Faith calls things that be not as though they were (Romans 4:17).
  - That's what God does.
  - God appeared to Abram and said, "I'm changing your name to Abraham. I have made you the father of many nations" (Genesis 17:5).
    - God had the authority to do it.
  - God planned it all before the foundation of the world.
  - God's plan was to get THE BLESSING back into the earth, and He had to go through Jesus to do it.
  
- III. This Bible is just as much a manifestation of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, as if the three were standing here.
  - This is Their WORD; it is Their bond.



- It is impossible for God to lie, but it was not impossible for Jesus to lie.
  - Jesus just refused to lie. That means we can refuse, too.
  
- IV. Faith demands corresponding action.
  - The colt that had never been ridden was there.
    - Jesus gave the disciples a word of knowledge that the colt was there and to go get it (Mark 11:2).
    - When Jesus sat on that colt, the power and Love of God were sitting there.
    - The people were shouting, “Hosanna! BLESSED is He who comes in the Name of The LORD” (Mark 11:9).
  - Jesus went to the Temple, stayed there the rest of the day, and didn’t do anything.
    - There is a wisdom of faith. Jesus’ Father didn’t say anything, so Jesus didn’t do anything.
    - He went home, went to bed and slept on it, meditated on it, and prayed about what to do in the Temple the next day.
  - This is a huge lesson for us to learn—seek God’s wisdom and act in faith.
  
- V. Jesus’ Name can do anything He can do.
  - The man at the Beautiful gate was probably there as Jesus passed by.
    - Jesus gave him something every time He walked through the gate.
    - Notice: Jesus didn’t heal the crippled man when He walked by; but after Jesus ascended to heaven, Peter and John spoke the crippled man’s healing in Jesus’ Name in Acts 3; so in effect, Jesus did heal him.
  - Jesus’ WORD had authority.
    - Jesus said, “All authority has been given unto Me both in heaven and earth. Now you go in My Name” (Matthew 28:18-19).
  - When you begin receiving financial prosperity, the hundredfold (Mark 10:29-30), persecution is coming.
  - The worst thing the devil can think of is a preacher with more than enough money to do what he is called to do.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Faith in God will increase your ability to use His wisdom. Let’s pray together:

“Father, I need Your wisdom in my life. I choose to believe what You say more than the circumstances. I believe I hear Your voice as I study Your WORD. Teach me Your wisdom. Thank You, Sir. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”



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### DAY 5 – THE SIX “I’S” OF FAITH

Jesus came into Jerusalem, and the people shouted praises. You were saved by faith through grace. The same faith can move a tree or a mountain. The Love element makes faith work.

### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus came into Jerusalem, and the people shouted praises (Mark 11:1-10).
  - The next day when they came from Bethany, Jesus was hungry and saw a fig tree afar off (Mark 11:12-13).
  - There were no figs on the tree, only leaves.
    - Jesus answered the tree: “No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever” (Mark 11:14). Nine words. His disciples heard it. As a result, that was a dead tree.
  - They came to Jerusalem, and Jesus went into the Temple. He cast the buyers and sellers out and overthrew the tables of the money changers.
  - When evening came, Jesus went out of the city and walked right past that fig tree again. It was dead.
  - Faith had been released. Jesus spoke the end result. He didn’t put any stipulations on His words. He just spoke.
  
- II. You were saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). Both grace and faith are gifts of God.
  - God is gracious, disposed to show favors.
  - Some of you are not quite sure about the salvation of your loved ones.
    - God is working on them. He is a merciful God. His mercies are the reason we are going to heaven.
    - God made it so easy to get saved.
  - Saul of Tarsus prayed the shortest salvation prayer every recorded—“LORD, who are You?” (Acts 9:5).



- III. The same faith can move a tree or a mountain.
- Jesus said, "I say unto you, whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea" (Mark 11:23).
  - Jesus put it into motion by saying, "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them" (Mark 11:24).
  - "And when you stand praying, forgive if you have aught against any, that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11:25).
- IV. The Love element makes faith work.
- Faith works by Love (Galatians 5:6). It's the forgiving Love element that makes faith work.
  - Brother Copeland had a vision and saw Jesus. He was holding a big tray of cookies. He said, *Have a cookie! Your response is:*
    - *I believe.*
    - *I will.*
    - *I take it.*
    - *I have it.*
    - *I thank You for it.*
    - *I forgive.*
  - These are the six "I's" of faith. Brother Copeland began to analyze them.
    - I believe—that's faith.
    - I will—that's my soul.
    - I take it—that's receiving.
    - I have it—that's believing.
    - I thank You for it—that's thanksgiving and praise.
    - I forgive—that's a command.
    - Now, it's mine. I believe; I receive it.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

God's six "I's" work when you put them to work! Get ready to receive. We want to know how God is BLESSING you. Let us know by [clicking here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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