

5. How to Develop Strong Faith

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Subtitle: Our faith made complete by our actions

Hebrews 10:38 (NKJV) *Now **the just shall live by faith**; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him.*

- We are still 'priming the pump' to take our personal faith to new levels
 - Strong Faith in God
 - Strong Faith in God's Word
 - Strong Faith in the Name of Jesus Christ
 - Strong Faith in God's promises
- **2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)** *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*
- As believers, we are called to live & walk by faith

Main points of our previous message:

- i. The Confession of our Faith
- ii. Praying, receiving and confessing
- iii. Examples of:
 - a. Receiving healing in our physical body
 - b. Receiving provision for various physical needs
- iv. Let's not be double-minded
- v. Watch our confession

1. Real Bible Faith acts on the Word of God

- In previous sessions we said that walking by faith includes:
 - **hearing** what the Word says
 - **believing** in our heart what the Word says
 - **confessing** with our mouth what the Word says
- Now we add another vital part of faith, namely:
 - **doing** what the Word says
- Faith not only believes & speaks – it also acts – it must produce a corresponding action to what it believes

2. Our corresponding action makes our faith complete

James 2:14–17 (NLT) *What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? 15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? 17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.*

- James tells us to add (corresponding) action to our faith otherwise it won't work
- Vs. 14. ... You say you have faith but don't show it by your actions ...
- Vs. 17. ...faith by itself isn't enough (believing & confessing isn't enough)
- ... Unless our faith produces good deeds, it is dead & useless

James 2:21–22 (NLT) *Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God **by his actions** when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see, **his faith and his actions worked together.** His actions made his faith complete.*

- Vs. 22. ... Abraham's faith and his actions worked together ...
- ... His actions made his faith complete ...
- Evidently, a faith without actions is an "incomplete faith"
- So then, walking by faith means:
 - **Hearing** what the Word says
 - **Believing** in our heart what the Word says
 - **Confessing** with our mouth what the Word says
 - **Doing** (with our actions) what the Word says

3. We become doers of the Word

James 1:22–25 (NLT) *But **don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.** Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you **look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says** and don't forget what you heard, **then God will bless you for doing it.***

- Our faith comes alive when we add a corresponding action to it
- Faith without action is a dead & unproductive faith

- When our faith is accompanied by action it comes alive & starts to work for us

4. Moses' and the Israelites' Faith & Actions working together

- At the Exodus, the Israelites left Egypt & marched into the wilderness
- As they camped by the Red Sea, Pharaoh & his armies pursuing them
- They had Pharaoh's army behind them & the Red Sea in front of them
- So they cried out to the Lord & also spoke to Moses about their troubles

Exodus 14:15-16 (NKJV) *And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? **Tell the children of Israel to go forward**. But **lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand** over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.*

- God instructed Moses to tell the Israelites to move forward before the Red Sea had parted
- He also told him to lift up his rod & stretch out his hand over the sea & divide it
- Their 'moving forward' was their faith action
- Moses' lifting up his rod & stretching out his hand over the sea was his faith action
- Their faith actions made their faith complete & God's deliverance manifested right before them
- Question: What would have happened if they had not moved forward & Moses had not lifted up his rod, nor stretch out his hand over the sea?
- Answer: Probably nothing
- Faith without action is dead and useless (James 2:17)

5. A blind man's Faith & Actions working together

John 9:1,6-7 (NKJV) *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ... 6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, "**Go, wash in the pool of Siloam**" (which is translated, Sent). So **he went and washed, and came back seeing.***

- Here, Jesus packed some saliva clay on the eyes of a blind man
- Then He instructed him to "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam"
- Notice the progression:

- First the blind man went – then he washed - then he returned seeing

6. Faith without Actions is dead

James 2:26 (GNT) *So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without actions is dead.*

- Our faith must be accompanied by some actions or else it is dead faith
- Dead - lifeless, inactive, useless, ineffective, powerless, incomplete
- Real Bible Faith will always motivate us to produce corresponding actions

7. Praising God for the Answer to our Prayers is a valid Faith Action

- God promised a son to Abraham & his wife Sarah
- After considerable delay, even in old age, Abraham kept believing

Romans 4:20-21 (NKJV) *He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was **strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,** and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*

- Abraham gave glory to God, even before his son was conceived
- Regardless of the circumstances in his & Sarah's life, he kept praising God
- Praising God for the answer to our prayers, even before it manifests, is a very valid & legitimate corresponding action of our faith