

STAY WITH THE WORD

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Faith – Bible Faith – is based on the Word of God.
- It comes by hearing the Word of God.
- If you get out beyond the Word of God, you have no basis for faith – and you will be in trouble.
- Have enough sense to know where your faith will work – and where it will not work. And do not get out beyond the Word of God.
- You are in trouble when you get out beyond the Word of God.

ARE YOU COVERED?

- Be certain that the promises of God cover what you are believing/asking for.
- You have the right to believe for anything God's Word promises you. But if you get out beyond that – then you are out on presumption, or foolishness.

Example: Single people

- Sometimes single people, because "you can have what you say," will pick out someone and claim them as a mate.
- They have a right – because there is scripture for it – to claim a wife or a husband. But they do not necessarily have the right just to pick someone out and say, "I'm going to claim him or her."
- The other person has something to do with it too.
- We have the right to believe God for a good, Godly mate, but we should let God send that person our way.
- If God doesn't have authority over the will of man, why should we think that we are any different?

FOUNDATION FOR FAITH

- Faith is based on what God says.
- Faith in God is faith in His Word.
- You are not going to have faith for something if you do not hear the Word of God on it.
- Find scriptures that cover your case.
- Find the scriptures that promise you the things you are praying for.
- Then you have a solid foundation for faith.

NEVER LAUNCH FAITH PREMATURELY

- Too many people pray out of emotion, desperation, or need.
- None of these reasons are grounds to pray on.
- Those feelings or circumstances may drive you to a place where prayer is needed, but your foundation should never be feelings.
- You must stand on the Word. If it's covered in His Word – then **you're** covered.
- That means that you can have whatever the Word says that you can have when you mix faith with it.
- Never launch faith prematurely.
- When something arises – even though you may know the scriptures that apply to that situation and may even be able to quote them – it's best to go to Word of God first before praying about the matter.
- Unless it's an emergency situation – get the Word out – go over, and over, and over the scriptures that you know pertain to the matter, and get the Word of God into your spirit consciousness.
- Then, when you get ready to act in faith, there is no doubt. You are solid that the Word says it, and that you are entitled to it.
- The Word of God has to become your reality before you go to God in prayer.
- If not, there's a good chance that wavering will occur.

James 1:6 (KJV)

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

James 1:6 (NIV)

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Isaiah 43:26 (KJV)

...Put me in remembrance:...

- God knows what His Word says.
- In the Bible, even Abraham, Jacob, and Moses, put God in remembrance of His promises to them.
- When we are in need, it's good to put God in remembrance of His promise to us.
- It also encourages our faith to confess His promises, time and time again, and bring them before His throne of grace.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

Psalm 119:130 (KJV)

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Psalm 119:130 (NIV)

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:130 (AMP)

The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.

- If the entrance of God's Word brings light – then the exit of God's Word would bring darkness.
- When there is a light in a room, it is no problem at all to walk around in it.
- But with all the lights out on a dark night, you may stumble and fall over objects in that room.
- As long as the light is there you can walk fine.

- The reason many fall and fail is because they have left the light of the Word of God. They are walking in presumption.
- You are always on safe ground when you are standing on the scriptures.
- Believing God **is** believing His Word.
- To walk away from the Word means to walk into darkness.

Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

- Are you covered?
- Before you go to God, do your homework.
- If God's Word says it's so, then get ready for it to happen.

Confessions:

I am a believer.
I am not a doubter.
I do have faith.
My faith works.
My faith is in God the Father.
My faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ.
My faith is in the Word of God.
God's Word is true.
I believe the Word of God.
Therefore, I believe God.
God's Word works!