

## Lesson Five

# FAITH

There is a substance that is so strong, so glorious, so wonderful, that it will literally change the very landscape of the world we live in, and transform the reality we see and experience, with our senses. It is the very thing that the entire Kingdom of God runs on and operates through. It is what pleases God and moves His hand to operate in our favor. It is a spiritual Law, and nothing in God's Kingdom, or the realm of the Spirit, will work properly with out it.

It has been given to us as a free gift from God, and yet we can obtain more of it, as well as increase it's power and effectiveness. It is vital to our survival, and is the master key to all things, it is paramount to us living a victorious life, as well as fulfilling our God given destiny. It is a substance called **FAITH** !

*3Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.  
Jeremiah 33:3*

Before we can ever have faith in someone, we first must get to know them better. If you were in a situation where you needed someone's help, Lets say you were stranded out in the middle of nowhere in the woods at two o'clock in the morning and two cars happened to show up at the same time. In one car was a complete stranger, whom you have never met, in the other, your best friend whom you have known for years. Which car would you get in, your best friend's of course, why? Because you know them, you have had experiences with them, you know what you can expect from them. On the other hand there is no way you would get in the strangers car, they could be some crazy person for all you know.

That's just it though, you don't know them because you have had no previous encounters or experience with them, so you would not have any way of knowing what you would get from them. It's the same with God, until we truly know God , and understand exactly what God has given us, we can not live by faith. Only when God becomes more real to us than any one , or any thing in our life, can we fully understand what He has given to us, and only then can we fully experience His Love, and His Mighty power, to us, as well as through us.

38Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.  
Hebrews 10:38

To live a life of faith requires two things on our part, if we can get a hold on these, then all of the rest will simply fall into place.

6But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God **must believe that he is**, and that **he is a rewarder** of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

These two principles are the hinges in which the door of faith hang upon. Many have missed it when it comes to the subject of faith because they have failed to understand one of, or both, of these two faith principals found in Hebrews 11.

We must believe He is. ( **Know who God is** )

We must believe He's a rewarder. (**Know What God Has given to us**)

God will only be to you, what you believe Him to be ! If you don't believe He is your Savior, you will never receive salvation . If you don't believe He is your Healer, you will never be healed, If you don't believe He is your provider, you will never have enough. God is not moved by our problems, He is moved by our faith. While our problems do touch God's heart. Because of His great love for us, His hand is only moved by faith in Him, and in His promises to us.

Without faith nothing is possible. The second principal is like the first, we must Know what God has given to us. Many believe God can save, but there not sure if He will save them. Many believe God can Heal, But not sure if He will heal them. It's not enough to Believe God can , we must Know God will. How do we know what God will do ? If it's in His word, then He will do it. The word of God is the will of God revealed unto men. If God said He was something in His word, such as our savior, then that is a settled fact. And if God said in word that all who come to him would be saved that too is settled. It is our part to find out who God is, What God has given us, And then settle it in our hearts as fact.

7Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.8So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:7-8

If we are in the flesh, or in other words, looking at things, and believing things, with our natural senses, rather than what God's word has said to be true, than we are not living our life in faith, but in the flesh. When you stand in faith you say, no matter what it looks like, no matter what it seems like, no matter what it feels like, if it goes against God's word, I choose to believe God's word instead, even if our natural senses can't see it, hear it, smell it, or feel it yet. That is true Biblical Faith. Believing what God said more than anything else you see or feel or know.

We must condition ourselves to live by faith, just as you can strengthen your physical body, so you can also train up your spirit to be strong and healthy.

13For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced and unskilled in the doctrine of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]! **14But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice** to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble and what is evil and contrary either to divine or human law. Hebrews 5:13-15 (Amplified Bible)

We must train our spirits to come into conformity with God's Divine will, purpose, thought, and action. To become so in tune with God, we begin to think like Him, and see things like him, and love like Him, and act like Him. To some this seems impossible, but why should a child not emulate their Father? It is in fact a very natural thing for children to grow up and be as their parents were. We can be as our Father would want us to be, If we obey Him and walk in Faith as He has commanded us to.

16Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1 Peter 1:16

5They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. 6I have said, **Ye are gods**; and all of **you are children of the most High**. Psalm 82:5-6

People get so offended when we say we are to be like God. I didn't say we were God, But we are His children, created in His image, (See Genesis 1:26) Endowed with abilities, to carry on the works of Christ in this Earth, until His return. God Himself told us we are like him because we are of Him. Adopted into His great Family. When we train our senses to believe God and walk in faith daily, we will begin to walk into the realm of the Spirit in which God has for us. So then we must build our faith on the Holy word of God. Daily.

17So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

Our faith becomes strong, and our beliefs founded on solid ground, when we delve into The Holy written word of God. The more we spend time in the Bible reading it's truth, it goes from our eyes, to our heads, and finally gets into our spirit. To get the word from the page to our spirit is the a key to strengthening our faith. By reading, as well as, meditating on what you have read, and finally,

implementing it into your daily activities, your faith will become strong and fruitful. God wants us to operate in strong faith, so that we can be rooted and grounded in Him, equipped by His power, and filled with His fullness and Love.

14For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to **be strengthened with might** by his Spirit in the inner man; 17That Christ may dwell in your hearts **by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be **filled with all the fullness of God**. Ephesians 3:14-19

We have taken a look at faith and it's importance in our daily lives now we are going to look at the practical application of faith. How can we put faith to work in our day to day life. The following is from a teaching I did entitled the process of faith: How to move the hand of God.

There is a Biblical answer to everyone of life's problems. A solution to each of our questions. There is nothing too hard, nor too great, that God cannot handle. But if we are to see God move in our lives in a mighty way, then we must follow God's process set forth in His Word. Many people will question God, or get angry with Him, if things don't work out the way they think they should. But I submit to you that every failure to receive God's promises lies with the individual, not with God.

*20For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 2 Corinthians 1:20*

When we go to God with a need God will never say no to us if what we are asking is something He has promised to us in His word. Such as Salvation, Healing, financial needs, deliverance, all of these are promised to us from God and the answer is always, always, yes ! If we fail to receive something God has promised us it is because we have not followed the divine order set forth in which we can receive those promises.

*40Let all things be done decently and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:40*

God is a God of order, He demands that things are done His way. God's greatest pleasure is obedience, when we do things according to His will and His way. When we trust God and put our faith in Him, even when what we are doing does not make any sense, then we will see the hand of God move on our behalf in every area of our lives.

*5Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
6In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

When we begin to do things the way God says to do them, not the way we think they should be done, God will begin to reveal truths to us, and to lead us and guide us down a good and wonderful path.

*18But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.  
19The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.  
Proverbs 4:18-19*

Happiness, prosperity, peace, and every other promise of God is only found within the parameters of godly obedience and total submission to Jesus Christ. Simply put to do it God's way, to agree with it God's way, to speak it God's way. There is an old Christian hymn that has been sung in countless churches for many, many, years, it simply says "trust and obey, for theirs no other way, to be happy in Jesus, we must trust and obey."

Obedience to God, and adherence to godly process, is the key to living a fulfilling and wonderful Christian life. The following is a "Process of Faith" these ten steps if followed will lead to victory in any area in which you need God's deliverance. Each step is crucial to our success, and each one depends upon the other to work effectively.

*Faith is the assurance, the confirmation, the title deed, of the things we hope for. Being the proof of the thing we do not see. And the conviction of their reality. Faith perceives, as real fact, that which is not revealed to the senses. Hebrews 11:1 (originalGreek)*

### **Step 1 . Identify the problem.**

*33These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33*

You cannot change what you are willing to tolerate, You must first admit you have a problem, then you must identify it. Every problem has been dealt with by Jesus Christ, He has the answer to our every need. But we have to know what are needs are before we can deal with them. And give them over to Christ.

## **Step 2 . Make A Decision.**

*19I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: Deuteronomy 30:19*  
God will do nothing until a choice is made, Heaven does not move until Earth makes a conscious decision, Because Earthly authority has been given to man. (see Genesis 1:26) It has been said that “prayer is Earthly license for Heavenly interference.”

## **Step 3 . Find your title deed**

*Faith is... the title deed of the thing we hope for... Hebrews 11:1 (original Greek)*

You must find a scripture or scriptures that promise what you need. If you need healing for example then your title deed would be 1 Peter 2:24 , as an example. If you need wisdom to make a decision your title deed would be James 1:5 . The point is, find the scripture that makes a promise to give whatever it is you may need. This is a very important key because your title deed is the basis upon which you put all of your faith upon, it is the foundation of the end result.

## **Step 4 . Hear, Hear, and Hear some more.**

*17So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17*

We must read the word especially our title deed over and over again, because this is what builds and strengthens our faith. The more of God’s word you read the greater your faith and trust in Him will become. Many people speed over this most important step, but we must read the word many times for it to get from our heads into our spirits, where it becomes an unshakeable belief that we wholeheartedly and unequivocally believe as truth settled forever as fact.

## **Step 5 . Meditation**

*4And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now **nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.** Genesis 11:4-6*

You must picture yourself in the place you want to be before you get there. You must see the end result, and meditate upon it until it becomes as real to you as your reflection in the mirror. God actually had to intervene and stop these people from building this tower, (that was against God’s will) Because they had meditated on it so much, and it had become so real to them that God said , if I don’t stop this they will achieve what they set out to accomplish.

## Step 6 . Confession

*3Through faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Hebrews 11:3*

*21Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. Proverbs 18:21*

*10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto **salvation**. Romans 10:10*

Our words are filled with power, every time we speak we are losing words of life, or we are losing words of death. Our words literally create the world that we live in for good or for bad, the choice is ours. We must confess God's word over our life and situation, we must call those things that are not into existence by the word of God.

*17(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**. Romans 4:17*

## Step 7 . Act on your Faith

*26For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. James 2:26*

We must put our faith into action, act like you have what you want, even if you don't see it yet, this may be as simple as confession of the word, all the way to taking practical physical steps towards your goal. It really is an individual thing which God will show to each person, and each situation.

*46And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Luke 6:46*

## **Step 8 . Patience**

*12That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Hebrews 6:12*

Patience is a key element of faith which is many times overlooked. Patience is greatly needed when standing in faith because often times the time we stand in faith can take some time until we see the end result revealed to us. Many people give up before they see results, Remember you only have to stand one second longer than Satan.

*4But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:4*

## **Step 9 . Wait on God's timing.**

*7Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:7-9*

If we continue to stand in faith , holding fast to our confession of faith, and not wavering in our belief in God, then in due season we will reap a harvest. God is faithful to fulfill His word.

*6But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1:6-8*

## **Step 10 . Expect The answer**

*18For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off. Proverbs 23:18*

It has been said that "The atmosphere of expectancy is the breeding ground for miracles".

If we will follow these ten simple steps of faith that God has placed before us Then we will surely see God move in great and mighty ways in our lives. If we will obey God and do things His way, then we will know the God kind of life all of our days.