

I KNOW I CAN HAVE A STRONG FAITH

Romans 10:11-17 (September 29, 2024)

on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?"

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

Matthew 9:29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen."

Hebrews 3:19 So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter His rest.

Matthew 13:58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

John 3:18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

Mark 9:23 "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."

Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Think of all that comes to us by faith:

Salvation (Romans 5:1); The fullness of the Spirit (Galatians 3:14); Victory over the world (1 John 5:4); Victory over Satan (Ephesians 6:16); Sanctification (Acts 26:18).

Think of all the problems that come when we fail to exercise faith:

Worry; Loneliness; Guilt; Disobedience

I. THE REALITY OF BIBLICAL FAITH – The right object of faith: _____

Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Mark 11:22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God.

FAITH IS NOT: A POSITIVE THINKING; BELIEVING ON OUR OWN FAITH
FAITH IS: LOOKING UNTO JESUS

Hebrews 12:2a Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

Matthew 17:20 "You don't have enough faith,"... "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.

Romans 9:33b ...Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.

Psalms 9:10 Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you.

Daniel 11:32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

II. THE ROOT OF BIBLICAL FAITH – _____ that we know

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

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

III. THE RESULT OF BIBLICAL FAITH – Getting _____ done

1 John 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

IV. THE RELEASE OF BIBLICAL FAITH - _____

Romans 10:21 But regarding Israel, God said, "All day long I opened my arms to them, but they were disobedient and rebellious."

Hebrews 3:12 Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God.

- Be saturated with the Scriptures.
- Be dedicated to the Savior.
- Be separated from sin.
- Be activated by the Spirit.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think God chose to let faith play such a key role in our relationship with Him? What makes faith such an equalizer among all different kinds and classes of people? And yet why do so many consider it restrictive and exclusive?
2. What particular passages of Scripture do you find yourself reading and repeating most often when your faith grows weak or subject to faltering? What do you specifically find strengthening and encouraging about these reminders from God's Word?
3. How should we react to other believers who say they're questioning their faith in Christ? What are the usual reasons behind these kinds of doubts? Why are spiritual questions so often the first place people gravitate to when life becomes hard to piece together?
4. In what areas do you find your faith in Christ hindered from being as free and trusting as you'd like? What are the frequent arguments you hear in your head when you're trying to exert greater confidence in God's Word and believe Him with fuller abandon?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- () Membership 101
- () Maturity 201
- () Ministry 301
- () Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- () Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- () How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
