

“Add to Your Faith” - #2

Maturing to Perfection in Your Walk With the Lord

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Last Week - “How Kingdom People View the Resurrection”

- What is a Kingdom person?
- Kingdom people see everything different
- They understand because that happened,anything can happen! (signs/ wonders/miracles); nothing is impossible!
- They understand they’re a critical piece in the Father’s plan for the world!
- They understand they’re involved in the evolution of the Church

Reminder:

- You’re getting discipled, not so you can know more stuff but so you can ‘do more stuff’!
- That’s what we’re talking about when we talk about equipping the saints for the work of the ministry
- **James 1:22** - *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”*

2 Peter 1:1-9

*Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge *(experiential) of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks*

these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

- Faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love.
- These are all qualities that are evident in a Kingdom person's life
- As you grow in your relationship with the Father these grow and mature in you

Faith

Hebrews 11 - The Faith Chapter

- Faith - 2 times in the OT
- Faith mentioned 24 times (*concentrated revelation*); if you include the actions represented there are 35-40 clear examples of faith being exercised
- 17 individuals/groups referred to: Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, etc.
- If you really want to know about faith this chapter is invaluable

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

- Faith is the existence of what you are asking for. What you're asking for already exists; The answer/supply is there, you just can't see it,yet!
- Faith is not something you try to attain; it's something you already have!
- Now, the test/challenge is to learn how to appropriate faith
- How do I use what I already have?
- Learn to see every challenge, problem, dilemma as an opportunity to grow your faith; This is how it works
- You're an overcomer; More than a conqueror
- You've said it, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*
- Ours' is a Kingdom only received and understood by faith
- But, only by faith can you experience the fulness of it
- You can't be saved apart from faith; If you're saved you have already demonstrated one of the greatest expressions of faith possible!
- Everything else should be easier
- You can only have the best life has to offer,by faith!
- **Hebrews 11:6** - *"It's impossible to please God without faith"*
- But,God is always pleased by even the slightest act of faith
- He loves it when we put our faith to the test

Faith as a spiritual gift

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 -

- Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning of spirits, Tongues, Interpretation of tongues
- An extra boost/expression of faith is given by the Holy Spirit to fulfill something the Father wants done, often resulting in a miracle

Romans 10:17 - *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”*

- The word = The written Word; the Word that He’s speaking to your spirit
- Hearing God - 5 weeks; The things God says to you ignites your faith

James 1:5-8 - *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways”*

- How do we offset doubt?
 - Prayer
 - Confession
 - Stand
 - Keep on believing

Luke 17:5-6 *“And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you”*

- Is this like asking for patience?
- When we ask for our faith to be increased it’s not rare to encounter impossible *‘looking’* circumstances
- These are perfect opportunities for your faith to grow
- Great tests = Great faith

Mark 11:22-24 - *“Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them”*

- Importance of words
- What you say can ignite or extinguish your faith

- Self talk - Bring into line with Truth
- Personal confession - What you say to your brain, you will believe, whether that be good or bad
- Line up your confession with what you've prayed!
- Say it and pray it = Energizes/increases your faith

Ephesians 6:16 - *"....above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Take up the shield of faith with which you will quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one"*

- Faith as part of the armor of God
- Extremely valuable in spiritual warfare

Matthew 9:29 - *"According (as your faith is so be it unto you) to your faith be it unto you."*

- Heaven responds to what/how you believe
- Faith without works is dead

James 2:18-20 - *"But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."..... vs 20 - "faith without works is dead"*