

FAITH DETAILED

I. The Declaration of a need for Pure Faith.

A. "Increase our Faith"

1. They sensed their need of Faith.
2. They could not produce Faith
3. They recognized Him as Divine that could increase faith.
4. We must know Him through the Word revealed.
5. He must reveal Himself to each individual.

II. There are Different Levels of Faith

A. Close examination of "our Faith" is always necessary.

2Cor. 13:5 **Examine yourselves**, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

1. No Faith

Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

2. Weak Faith

Rom. 4:19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

- a. Consider not the problem.
- b. Consider not the natural law, that Sarah's womb would be dead at 85 years old.
- c. Consider not his body now, 100 years old.

3. Little Faith

Mat. 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

- a. Little Faith causes fear.

Mat. 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye **fearful**, O ye of **little faith**? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

- b. Little Faith causes doubt

Mt 14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of **little faith**, wherefore didst thou **doubt**?

c. **Little Faith** causes one to reason.

Mat. 16:8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of **little faith**, why **reason** ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

d. **Little Faith** doubts God's Love and care.

Luke 12:28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; **how much more** will he clothe you, O ye of **little faith**?

4. **Unwavering Faith**

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our **faith without wavering**; (for he is faithful that promised;)

James 1:6 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.

5. **Strong Faith**

Rom. 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was **strong in faith**, giving glory to God;

a. Consider the Promise not the problem.

b. Consider God's Integrity, He promised to do it.

c. Consider God's Ability. He is able to do it.

Ro m.4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was **able also to perform**.

6. **So Great Faith**

Mt 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so **great faith**, no, not in Israel.

7. **Perfect Faith**

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the **unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the **fulness of Christ**:

1Thess. 3:10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might **perfect** that which is lacking in your faith?

I Tim.1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of **faith unfeigned**

II Tim. 1:5 “unfeigned Faith that is in thee”

James 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was **faith made perfect**?

III. The Development of Faith

A. “Increase”

1. “From faith to Faith”

Rom. 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from **faith to faith**: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

2. “According to your Faith”

Mat. 9:29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith** be it unto you.

3. Growth in Faith

2Thes. 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that **your faith groweth exceedingly**, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

a. By the Word

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

b. By The Holy Ghost

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man **full of faith and of the Holy Ghost**...

c. By the fiery trials

1Peter 1:7 That the **trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be **tried with fire**... (Purified Faith-producing, Purified Praise)

IV. The Dominion of Faith

A. “If Ye had Faith”

Luke 17:6 And the Lord said, **If ye had faith** as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

1. Remove Sycamine trees
 - a. Unproductive-fruitless
 - b. Inconsistent-incompatible
 - c. Has some deep roots of Hurt-Pain:

Not (forgiven-forgiving), Bitterness, Hatred, Selfish 7x70

2. Remove Mountains

Mat. 21:21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith**, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall **say unto this mountain**, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

3. All things are Possible

Mat.17:20 “**nothing shall be impossible unto you**”

“**If ye have faith** as a grain of mustard seed”

Rev.3:8 I know thy works:

behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for **thou hast a little strength**, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.