

## Week Three

### Day one Faith to receive

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it and it shall be yours.

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The whole basic foundation for our walk with the Lord is living a life of faith. What is faith? Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the evidence of the unseen according to Hebrews 11:1. We believe what the Lord says in His word and that it will happen without doubt. This is the part that most Christians do not follow. Don't let people tell you what you can and cannot do. You may have gone through life and felt that you weren't "smart" enough to do something. Or that you weren't financially in the right line of work to do anything because you didn't go to college. Maybe you have a sickness that keeps coming back. You might just feel that you aren't good enough to do great things for God because of your circumstances in life. Don't listen to what the world is telling you that you "should" do. Let the word of God direct your life. If you feel like you aren't mentally capable to do something because you don't feel smart enough to do it, start looking at your bible and see the type of people that God used to do great things. Did you know that Moses was a stuttering man. He didn't play the role of being this great leader to the people yet God used him to lead the people out of Egypt. David was the lowliest one in his family. Even his father didn't consider him to be part of the king's choice because he was the smallest of the family, yet God used him in a mighty way. Stop looking at the circumstances surrounding your life and start looking to God for direction and guidance. The reason God chose these great people because of their hearts. When your heart is willing that is when God can use you.

The bible says in 2 Chronicles 16:9...for the eyes of the Lord search to and fro looking for hearts that are blameless towards him. God is looking for people whose hearts are truly turned towards him. He wants to bless and use people in a great way. Why would he do this? How is he going to "convince" others of his great power if nothing good is happening? Be the example, let the Lord bless you physically, mentally, and spiritually. Let him use you to bless others. So that in the end, when others ask, "How is it that you are able to do this?" You can direct them to the Lord and say it is only when you have completely surrendered yourself over to him is when things started happening.

How do you decide what the Lord wants you to do? You ask Him. It is plain and simple. Trust that when you ask you shall receive...that's biblical. No matter what situation you are at in life God can use you somehow. If you are willing.

**Daily Bible reading: Matthew 10 The twelve apostles, Jesus sends out the twelve apostles, Persecution will come, Have no fear, Not peace but a sword, Rewards**

**Pray this prayer if you want to grow your faith in God:**

Father God, I come to you because I am ready to get in faith. I am trusting that you will lead me in the path that you have for my life. I am confident that I will do the right thing because I am being led by you. I will not doubt or fear. I am trusting in you and what you tell me to do. I am believing that you are going to give this to me. Reveal to me Lord what it is you want me to do. Give me a vision for my future and a path you will have me on. I am asking confidently, in your name I pray, Amen.

This would be a good time to get quiet and just listen. Write down any ideas or thoughts that the Lord would bring to your mind. If something sounds silly or not right, don't disregard it. Take note of everything. It will get clearer and clearer as time goes on and you learn to hear the voice of God.

## Day two Faith to choose

John 16:13

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

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Now that you are ready to receive the “faith of the Lord” it is time to listen and obey. The bible says in the above verse that the Holy Spirit will come and guide you into all truths.

In the book of James 1, it states that if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God and he will give generously to all without reproach. God gives to those who ask. He doesn't play games, he doesn't give if your only super smart or a better person than someone else. He gives to those that ask. Where the wisdom and direction gets null and voided is when you doubt. The next part of the verse confirms that....But let him ask in faith without doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord. He is a double minded man, unstable in all his ways.

You don't want to be the “double minded” man. You want to be the stable, rock man or woman. One that is grounded and firm in their faith. When you ask something of the Lord, be firm and trust that you will receive something from him.

Faith is an act. You must believe that you receive it. When you hear from God, whether that be from his word or from something that the spirit speaks to you, don't doubt it. You have to choose to believe it. Anyone can believe anything. Believing has nothing to do with what you see. You might be in the most difficult situation with no way out, but if you believe that the Lord can get you out of it, then you trust that he will. That is it. The key is believing. You must believe that you are going to receive it. If you need healing in your body, believe that it will come to pass in this life. Search out the scripture for what His word says about being healed—we will do this later on but if you need it now, go find it. Just as you believe that you are born again and going to go to heaven, that is a choice to believe and trust it, do the same for your healing or your situation. Then you act like you have received it.

How do you act like you receive it? Hmm this varies for what you are believing for. If you are believing for a healing, but are still feeling the “effects” of a sickness, you don't go around saying you feel horrible. When someone ask you how you are feeling, you don't go on and on about all of your symptoms. You say that the Lord has healed you and you believe that. When you start to feel the symptoms, you keep repeating the truths of the Bible over and over until you get it rooted inside of you.

If you don't feel as “educated” as others or maybe you feel “slower” than those your age, stop doing that! Start saying words like ,”I'm quick, I'm sharp and I'm bright!” “I am going to be very rich so that I

a can be a major blessing to others!” Your key to learning is faith. There is no limit to what you can learn or understand or remember. The bible says in Proverbs 23:7...as a man thinks in his heart so he is. Whatever you believe about yourself is what you will become. If your father was an alcoholic and everyone says your just like your father. Don’t believe it. You can be different. It is satan who wants you to believe the lies of man. When people say they are just “Poor folks” and that they will “always be poor.” Again, that is just man. You don’t have to be any of those ways. You can be the best in everything.

Stop believing what you have been told and start believing God. He wants you to be successful and prosperous in all areas of your life. That is how he will show his manifestation inside of you. When you walk around defeated and lowly that does not show the power of God. When you can walk around confident in your life, it shows God working. But it begins with you choosing to believe these things.

**Daily Bible reading: Matthew 11 Messengers from John the Baptist, Woe to unrepentant cities, Come to me and I will give you rest.**

**Prayer this prayer to help you choose to believe**

Lord I am learning about this life of faith and I am asking you to help remind me to choose to believe. When circumstances and instances come up and I want to doubt, Lord bring it to my mind the truths I am learning. I want to choose to believe. I want to be successful and prosperous in you. I want to show others that you can do all things through Christ, to be that example. Help and guide me, in Jesus’ name, Amen

## Day three Fear of faith

Romans 8:14

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons of God.

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Fear is a powerful thing. It is a tool used by the enemy, not God. How do you know you are in fear? Ask yourself:

- Am I tormented?
- Do I question what to do because I am unsure?
- Am I agitated or annoyed?
- Am I upset or afraid of something?

What do I do? Number one, you relax and get in faith. Trust that God will lead you. Start saying “I will always do the right thing.” Be confident in your decisions. Stop doubting. Fear can cut you off from healing, provision, people, and from hearing God. If you act on fear, you allow the “destroyer” a right to bring it on you. Just like if you act in faith.

No matter what symptoms you fear, resist them. No matter what’s going on around you, it is not in you. You are completely in control of what’s in your mind. Don’t let your heart be troubled—these are the words of Jesus. Resist the devil and he will flee---again Bible. Jesus tells you these things. Why? Because he knows what the devil will do and he knows what you need to do. He tells you, it is our job to DO IT!

Start saying:            I resist this!            I refuse to fear!

Don’t allow the enemy any access in your life. Think of it in the physical sense. If you want the strangers to stay out of your home, you lock the door and do not allow them entry. But if you leave it unlocked and open, you are welcoming any such person into your home. The same is true for our spiritual minds, when you open the door for the enemy to come in by your words and your thoughts, then they have access. But if you shut the door and refuse to listen, they cannot enter.

Search your bible out for some of the verses that says “Fear not.” It has been said that the Bible has 365 verses that says this. That is like having a verse a day for every day of the year. Hmmm, why do you think the Lord would say something that many times in the bible? Does he know it will be one of the biggest struggles of mankind? If he gives us enough verses to cover every day of the year, it must be something we should listen to and understand. Memorize and meditate on these scriptures. Get the fear out of your life. When doubt and fear start creeping up on you...start speaking the words of

the Lord. Resist them, “No, no devil not in my mind,” “Get out of here!” Start speaking back to the fear, which is the devil.

Maybe speaking things out is different for you, consider how you get these “thoughts” of fear. Satan brings them to your mind. He “speaks” them to you. It is your job to speak the opposite back. The bible says we are to resist the devil and THEN he will flee. Don’t listen to him, shut him down. Shut him down by your words and your actions.

**Daily bible reading: Matthew 12, Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, A man with a withered hand, Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, A tree is known by its fruits, The sign of Jonah, Return of the unclean spirit.**

**Prayer against fear:**

**Lord, I am coming to you to ask for you to reveal to me the fear that I am allowing in my life. Show me in what areas that I need to resist. Direct me in your word to combat against this. I don’t want to live in fear, I want to live victorious in you. I am asking in faith and believing that I am going to receive it. In your name I pray, Amen**

## Day four

### You choose your faith

Matthew 21:21

Truly I say to you if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, Be taken up and thrown into the sea, it will happen.

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Did you know that Jesus wants you to do the miracles that he did on his earth plus more. In this passage about the fig tree, Jesus was talking to the fig tree. He had cursed it and it died. Why did he curse it? It did not produce any fruit. Then when his disciples saw what had happened, they asked how did it happen, and that is how he answered.

He said that IF YOU have faith and do not doubt.....it is about US. We have the choice to decide what happens. He didn't say if it was God's will. Or if you ask God and be really good. He said if YOU HAVE--- that means that you have to have it. You have to possess it, it has to come from you. Then he goes on to say .....if YOU SAY to this mountain, ...then it will happen. Again it started with YOU and what YOU SAY. It is not up to God what you do in this life. God doesn't make you do anything. When people use the words, "God is in control." That is a false statement. Think about it, is God really in control? Does God control the world? All the bad that happens on this earth, people dying, people getting sick, things get stolen, etc, does God do that? The Bible says that the THIEF comes to steal, kill, and destroy.....I come that you might have life and have it more abundantly. So who does the stealing, killing, and destroying.....the thief.

Another example, does God control what happens to you? Does he decide what you choose to do? What about this morning for breakfast, did he choose what foods you were to eat? Did he "force" you to eat a certain kind of cereal? No, we have the choice of what we do. We have the choice of what we say on this earth. Yes, God will give us options and opportunities, but ultimately we get to decide which path that we take.

In the verse Matthew 21:20, when the disciples saw what happened to the fig tree.....they marveled at it. When you marvel at something, you say things like "Oh Wow! Look at that!, or Wow, really?" What sort of reaction does that show? A lack of faith. When someone tells you that someone got healed or that they had a huge blessing, our reaction should be one of expecting God to do it! It shouldn't be that of marveling. Give the glory to God, because he wants to ultimately bless and heal you from all things that we have allowed the devil to take from us.

It isn't God's choice that you be poor, sick, or go without. He doesn't want obstacles to be in our paths. He says so in His word....that if YOU SAY to this mountain, be thou removed.....that whatever you ask, YOU WILL receive. It is up to us, not God. We have the choice.

**Daily Bible reading: Matthew 13 The parables, Jesus rejected at Nazareth**

**Prayer**

**Lord, I understand now that I have the choice of what happens in my life by my words. Lord, help me to choose my words carefully so that they will glorify your will on this earth. I want to be a shining example of a person who follows after God's will. I want the blessings to flow. I want the faith that will remove mountains so that others can see the power of God and what he will do. So that people will be inspired to change and follow after you. In your name I pray, Amen**



## Day five

### What does God want for me?

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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If you find that passage in your bible and keep reading the rest of the verses, it explains why God came to this earth as a man. The rest of the verses states, that he did not send his Son to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned but saved. It states that the world, which is full of darkness did not love the light. The reason "the world" does not love the Lord is because the light exposes their darkness, the things that they want hidden in life. When you are doing wrong and you know you are doing wrong, you try and hide your sins. You don't want them to be shown to the world or the people around you. That is what the light does, it exposes the sin. It is there to open up your eyes and let you see what it is that is wrong or evil. To "expose" the darkness.

When people are in sin, their spiritual eyes are closed to the truth. They keep doing what they want to do without any bother from anyone else. The devil does not want them to know the truth. He wants them to stay in darkness. He knows that once the truth is exposed and they are shown the light, they will start to see the great things of God. The truth shall set them free and he will lose power in their lives.

The rest of the verse of this passage states...verse 21...whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God. Good things will come to those who follow after God. Keep reading his word and his truths to discover the things he wants to bless you with. Blessings flow with obedience unto Him.

Works and "things" don't save you. They are ONLY a testimony of the goodness of God. In Ephesians 2:8..for by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. When you give your heart to the Lord and ask him into your heart, his Spirit reigns inside of you. When you listen to that spirit and follow after it, it will guide and direct you to doing the "right" things. The things that will show blessings in your life. The "gift". Gifts are good right? Things that will make your heart content and full of joy. When you are full of joy and contentment, that will be a testimony to others. People will ask why you are so happy. Why can you "feel" this way, when things around you are going badly. You can do so because you know that God has taken care of everything and it is only your job to obey. You won't lack things because you know that the Lord will provide them to you. You won't have anxiety about him taking care of your needs or your even your wants. You trust in your heavenly Father to take care of all the

things in your life. When others are stressing out about bills or taking tests or finding the right job, you don't worry because you know from God's word that he wants the very best for your life and that he will direct and guide you to those answers. He wants to bless you with those gifts. It is only our job to trust in faith that what his word says is true.

**Daily bible reading Matthew 14 The death of John the Baptist, Jesus feeds the five thousand, Jesus walks on water**

**Prayer**

**Lord, I know that you came into this world to expose the darkness and direct people to the light, the truth. I want my eyes to be open. I want to know more and more of your truths. Direct and guide me to the path that you have for my life. I want the blessings to flow, I want others to see you in me. I am believing and trusting your word in faith that it will be done, In your precious name I pray,  
Amen**