



Faith

Faith—What Is It?

Leader's Notes

I. Definition of faith.

- Faith is the ability to believe without demanding proof.
- To believe simply because we have confidence or trust in the person who is speaking.
- The God-kind of faith—spiritual faith.
 - *Hebrews 11:1, "Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see" (NLT).*
- Faith cannot be defined by the five physical senses.
- Faith is a tangible force that affects the spiritual and natural world.
- The spirit of faith is believing and speaking.
 - *2 Corinthians 4:13, "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak." (NKJV).*
- God uses faith in all that He does.
- Faith in God is powerful and produces change.

II. Examples of the God-kind of faith.

- God used faith when He spoke Creation into being.
 - *Genesis 1:3, "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (NLT).*
- By faith Abraham and Sarah had a son in their old age.
 - *Genesis 21:2, "She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age" (NLT).*



- By faith Abraham spoke things that did not exist, as though they did.
- *Romans 4:21, "He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises" (NLT).*

III. Faith pleases God.

- It's impossible to please God without faith.
 - *Hebrews 11:6, "And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him" (NLT).*
- God is listening for you to speak faith words.
- When you please God, you know He will answer your prayers.
 - *1 John 5:14-15, "And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for" (NLT).*
- You can trust God.
 - *Mark 11:22, "Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'Have faith in God'" (NLT).*
 - *Hebrews 12:2, "Looking...to Jesus, who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]" (AMP).*



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Confession

I believe God is pleased when I have faith in His Word. Just like Abraham believed God and things that were impossible were accomplished, I have faith in God to do the impossible in my life. I thank God for the ability to believe His Word through faith, and see my life change for the better.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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