

BASIC FAITH PRINCIPLES

Where Faith Lives (Part 2)

I. Where faith lives?

A. What do you do from day to day prior to the manifestation

II. Faith lives in the Word (Romans 10:17)

A. The trial of your faith is coming (1 Peter 1:7)

1. **Trial**-Proving or proof; Put it under the pressure of a test
 - a. This could be a bad report or time going by and nothing changing
2. If you're not fed on the Word with a strong spirit when the pressure comes you won't win; A weak spirit and weak faith won't win

B. You can have weak faith (Romans 4:19)

1. 19-Your faith gets weak when you spend time with the evil report
2. 18-He's spending time with that which was spoken to him and not considering the evil report and consequently his faith got strong and we knew it was strong because he was giving glory to God

C. Weak faith is wavering faith that won't receive (Heb 10:23, James 1:6-8)

1. People waver because their faith is weak and their faith is usually weak because of lack of time spent in the word
2. People who win in faith tenaciously spend time in the Word of God until they are single-minded and fully persuaded
3. When the trial of your faith shows up in should run into your fully persuaded faith

D. As you continue in the Word, it goes from Word to truth (John 8:31)

1. It's through the act of continuing that the Word becomes truth to you and when it's truth to you it'll make you free

E. People lose their fight of faith because of a lack of commitment to the Word of God in that area (Proverbs 4:20)

1. Matthew 14-He spent time with the evil report and failure began there
2. Numbers 13-One group of people considered the giants and the walls and they were defeated; the ones considered the Word and the God they served and they were victorious

III. Faith thanks God like it's already done

A. Philippians 4:6 (KJ/AMP)

1. **Be careful for nothing**-Love cast out all fear-1 John 4:18
2. **Prayer**-Believing that you receive-Mark 11:24

3. **Supplication** (Deisis)-Same word as fervent prayer in James 5:16 which means; A passionate, earnest, heartfelt, sincere; A person who has in his life and therefore pleads strongly, to beseech, to earnestly appeal
 4. **Thanksgiving**-Throw, cast, shoot (arrows), give thanks, praise
 - a. My prayer and supplication have thanksgiving attached to them because I believe I received
- B. Praise and thanksgiving is one of the main ways you your faith engaged daily (Phil 4:6 AMP)
1. I believe that I've received so I thank God like it's done
 2. Thanksgiving is no more a feeling than love is a feeling; it's an act of your will (Hebrews 13:15-16-A sacrifice of praise)
 - a. A sacrifice of praise pleases him because it's an act of faith
 - b. It's a sacrifice when you don't feel thankful or want to be thankful, but you do it as an act of your will
- C. Thanks are in order when somebody **has done** something for you
1. Many times people aren't thankful because they don't believe it's done
 - a. Thankful people are faith people (Deuteronomy 1:27-32)
 - (1) If they believed V29-31 they'd have been thanking God
 - b. Faith and thanksgiving and unbelief and unthankful go together
 - (1) If you're attitude is not one of thanksgiving, you're not in faith
 2. Faith will praise and give thanks like it's done, before it's done (Josh 6:16)
- D. Praise/joy/thanksgiving is the bullet that you put in the big gun of faith
1. I fire the bullet of praise/joy/thanksgiving through the big gun of faith on purpose at every negative report that comes (Habak 3:17, Job 5:22)
 2. 1 Thessalonians 5:18-In all things, not for all things
 3. Psalm 8:2-Praise that's done if love and faith is what stills the enemy

IV. Faith talks likes it done

- A. Faith doesn't talk about what's going to happen (Romans 4:17 KJ&)
1. AMP-Speaks of nonexistent things as if they already existed
 - a. It doesn't say call those things that be not as though they are going to be
 - b. Genesis 17:5-I'm calling you what you're not as though you are it
 - (1) Abram gets the promise that when he is 75; God changed his name when he was 99; Isaac came at 100 (Gen 12:1-4, 13:14-16)
 - (2) When Abraham change his speech, what wasn't coming to pass for 24 years came to pass in less than two years time
 2. One of the main acts of faith that we have is our words

- a. 2 Cor 4:13-If you believe you have received then talk like you have it
- 3. You have to talk in line with what you say you believe you've received
 - a. Joshua 1:13-Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.
 - b. Joshua 2:24-Truly the Lord has delivered Jericho into our hands
 - c. Joshua 6:2-The Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given into your hand Jericho
 - d. Joshua 6:16-At it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord has given you the city
- B. Faith never talks the problem and always talks the answer
 - 1. Mark 11:23-He didn't say talk about how big the mountain is
 - 2. Ps 107:2, Gal 3:13-Let the redeemed of the Lord talk about how bad it is-NO
 - a. Talk redeemed
 - 3. Numbers 13:28-We can talk about the giants in the land or the Word
 - a. Exodus 33:1-3, 34:11-They heard the Word on the situation, but spoke the problem; Josh & Caleb saw the same problem, but spoke the Word
 - (1) I'm going to look the problem right in the eye, but speak the Word
 - (2) Rom 4-Abraham was strong in faith because he didn't consider the problem
 - b. 30-We are well able; He saw the giants and knew he didn't look able
 - (1) What you see and what you say should not be the same (Gen 1,17)
 - (a) What's keeping many people out of faith and out of victory is their saying what they see
 - (2) Your flesh has a desire to always communicate what is in the natural right now; that's the way the it was trained in the world
 - (a) Don't use your words to transmit information about what is; use your words to release your faith; say what you believe not what you see
 - c. 14:2-They're murmuring in unbelief
 - d. 14:7-9-They saw the giants, but they're speaking the Word
 - e. 14:28-As **you** have spoken, so **will I** do to you
 - f. 14:34-They didn't get what God said, they got what they said because what they said was in opposition to what God said
 - (1) Maybe you're not getting what God said because of what you say
 - C. What you believe in your heart and say with your mouth you're going to have in life (Mark 11:23, Romans 10:8-10)
 - 1. If you believe what you see, you'll say what you see, and you'll have what you see; If you'll believe what God says, you'll say what God says and you'll have what God says

- a. Speak what you desire to come to pass; the end result
- 2. Words are supernatural building blocks that either reinforce what is or create what ought to be
 - a. The walls and giants their words reinforced; what ought to be in the land; Joshua's and Caleb's words created what ought to be
 - b. You believe and speak and it either reinforces what is or creates what ought to be
- 3. Zacharias (Luke 1:7-20, 28-38,45)
- D. The power of life and death are in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21, James 3)
 - 1. **Life**-Proverbs-18:21-*Death and life are in the power of the tongue*
 - a. Power-Direction, control
 - b. Life-State of Living
 - 2. **Healing**-Proverbs 16:24-*Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones*
 - a. Health (marpe) – Healing, remedy, cure
 - b. Bones-Any body part, one's flesh and bone
 - c. **Proverbs 12:18**-*There is that speaks like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health*
 - 3. **Protection**-Proverbs 13:3-*He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction*
 - a. Keeps-Guards, watch, protect, preserve, watchmen, besieged,
 - b. **Proverbs 12:6**-*The mouth of the upright shall deliver them*
 - (1) Deliver-Save, rescue, preserve, escape, taken away or out defend
 - c. **Proverbs 18:7**-*A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul*
 - (1) Destruction-Ruin, undoing, dismaying, terror
 - (2) Snare-Snare, trap, trap that captures prey
 - d. **Proverbs 6:2**-*You are snared by the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth*
 - (1) Snared-set a trap, to be trapped
 - (2) Taken-to be taken captive, to be seized, caught, frozen
 - 4. **Prosperity**-Prov 12:14-*A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth*
 - a. Satisfied-To be satisfied, to have enough, the filling and even overflowing of appetites and desires, have plenty, filled fill, fill
 - b. Good-Desirable, better, best, prosperity, precious, wealth
- E. It's one thing to talk like it's finished, it's another to believe it is finished
 - 1. Speaking faith words isn't all you have to do, but it's one thing you must do

2. It's not just about what you say, but it's about the faith in what you say

V. Faith carries the attitude of joy and peace (Rom 15:13, 2 Pet 1:8)

- A. If there's joy and peace **in believing**, depression and worry are in unbelief
 1. People **in faith** have **joy**-To be glad and rejoice exceedingly
 - a. Brighten up, leap, and spin around
 - b. If you're discouraged you're not in faith
 2. People **in faith** have **peace**-The tranquil state of a soul **assured**
 - a. Soul-Mind, will, and emotions
 - b. If you're stressed and worried you're not in faith
 3. Line your attitude up with what you say you believe
 - a. When you are in faith and all hell breaks loose you'll have joy/peace
 - b. This is not just being some flaky Christian; this is me and my faith act in the middle of pressure because I know the end of this thing
 4. Joy and peace are not feelings and you can walk in joy with no feelings of joy, you can walk in peace with no feelings of peace; the way you can walk in love with no feelings of love
- B. Many believers are known for exalting/honoring the problem
 1. Numbers 13
 - a. 32-33-They exalted the problem
 - b. 14:9-The despised it
 2. 1 Samuel 17-You got people exalting the problem vs. one despising it
 - a. 24-25-David was in joy and peace
 - b. 25-26-They exalted the giant, David despised him
 - c. 25-30-David wanted to what he was going to get for killing the giant three time; to him this was too easy
 - d. 28-Your faith will be mistaken for arrogance by ignorant people
 - e. 33-Saul exalts the problem
 - f. 34-37-David despises the giant by putting in the category with things He's already whipped
 - g. 42-44-Goliath despised David and that was the day he learned not to judge a book by its cover
 - h. 46-48-A soul assured; he ran towards Goliath
 3. I'm making light of your problem
 - a. We've exalted problems from the pulpit; honey I know its hard, you're going through right now and it's tough; Jesus didn't say honey my yoke is hard and my burden is heavy
- C. Your attitude is one of the greatest ways that you **reveal** and **release** your faith
 1. Job 5:22-Learn to despise your mountain; this is nothing for God

- a. 19-As many troubles that come is as many as He'll deliver you from
 - b. 20-He'll redeem you from lack and destruction
 - c. 21-You'll be hardened to the whip of the tongue
 - d. 22-Laugh mockingly at destruction and famine
 - e. 24-Know certainly that your house will be in peace
 - f. 26-You will live a long good life and go to the grave strong and robust
2. Daniel 3:16-We are not careful to answer you in this matter
- a. 17-He will deliver us-A soul assured
 - (1) They're staring the fiery furnace in the face and are full of peace
 - b. 19-Why's he so full of fury? I believe it's not just because they wouldn't bow, but it was their attitude in not bowing
 - c. 28-With trust there's peace and no care
3. John 8:6-Staying calm, cool, and collected under reveals and releases faith
- a. This the spirit of doodle
4. John 11:1
- a. 3-Jesus loved Lazarus
 - b. 4-6-He knows the end and stayed in the same place two days
 - c. 9-10-Jesus' faith attitude
 - d. 11-15-Jesus' faith talk that they don't understand
 - e. 16-Doubting Thomas
 - f. 21-27,39-43-Doubting Martha
5. Acts 12:1-7-Peter's about to be executed and he's sleeping (Psalm 127:2)
- a. That's faith snoring
6. Mark 4:35-41-Their fearful attitude revealed and released unbelief
- a. 37-38-Do you think he might have heard some of this storm going on? Probably, but he's already spoken it, He's going to the other side
 - b. 40-Jesus called coming to Him in fear, no faith
 - (1) Before you cry out to God because of some thing you saw in the OT, you'd better realize they cried out and Jesus called it no faith
 - (2) Hebrews 4:14-16-This is how you come to him
7. Mark 5:22-He said a lot by saying nothing; u can say much with few words
- a. 1) The woman with the issue of blood 2) The one from his house 3) His crying relatives 4) His dead daughter
- D. What are you **revealing** and **releasing** with your attitude: faith or unbelief?

1. Your attitude could be saying something in unbelief without you even opening my mouth.
 - a. Your attitude might not have a mouth, but it does have a voice
 - b. Just because you're not speaking words doesn't mean that you're not saying something
 2. The confession of your attitude speaks as loud and is as powerful as the confession you make with your mouth
 - a. When you choose to be discouraged, depressed, and worrisome you are making confessions with your attitude that you don't believe the Word
- E. Don't let the enemy see you sweat; no sweat
1. Operate in the "Andy Griffith anointing"
 2. All hell might be breaking loose, but when you're faith you know the end
 3. Be hardened to negative circumstances and evil reports (Isaiah 51:7,53:12)
 4. It's discouraging to the forces of darkness when their plot appears to have no effect on you
- F. Faith is not lazy; Faith labors to enter into rest (Hebrews 4:3,10-11)
1. Faith is busy working to enter into that fully persuaded, assured soul, rest
 2. Luke 8:50-It's not your job to make this thing manifest; I have a part to play and if I don't play my part it will not manifest; it's your job to fear not and believe only (Jairus just flat shut up)
 - a. It's my job to apply the principles that put the law into motion
 3. Who's working for you while you stay fear not and believe only
 - a. The Word will do the work (Rom 1:16, Gen 18:14, Is 55:11)
 - b. Faith is will work to manifest your victory (Luke 17:6-9)
 - c. The blessing will do the work to make you rich (Proverbs 10:22)
 - d. The angels will do the work (Heb 1:14, Ps 103:20)
 - e. The Holy Spirit moved upon the face of the waters and when God spoke he worked to bring what God spoke to pass (Genesis 1:2)
 - f. The Apostle and High Priest of your confession of faith (Hebrews 3:1)
 - (1) He is the voice of our confession in Heaven; When we put his word in our mouths he is called to see to that his words come to pass when they come out of our mouths

VI. Faith is consistent and busy being the same until victory manifests (Heb 6:12)

- A. Faith is consistent and the same; it's steady not wavering
1. James 1:6-Faith is not up one day and down the next
 2. Hebrews 10:23
- B. Hebrews 13:8-Jesus is the same today, yesterday, and forevermore
1. Ephesians 5:1-Imitate him

VII. Faith obeys God and walks in love (Galatians 5:6, Romans 1:5)

- A. If you're not walking in love and obeying God you don't have genuine faith; you have groundless expectation that will produce no manifestation
- B. You can't just make faith confessions and not walk in love and obey God
 - 1. Genesis 26-Isaac don't go down to Egypt stay here; Isaac could have went down to Egypt and made faith confessions and went broke