

GRACE AND FAITH

Is It Yours

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: In this exchange of grace and faith, faith takes it, believes it has it, and acts accordingly

I. Recognize that God is your source and come/look to Him

- A. Hebrews 4:16-You find grace at the throne of Grace from the God of grace
- B. Isaiah 30:2-They weren't looking to God & that's why they weren't receiving from God
- C. James 4:2-Some people don't have it from God b/c they didn't go to him for it

II. You have to believe He is, He can, it's His will for you, and He's offering it to you

- A. You Must believe God is-Hebrews 11:6
 - 1. God is to u whatever u believe He **IS** & what u don't believe He **IS** He can't be to u
 - a. EX: If you don't believe God is the Healer, you won't see Him heal
 - b. Mark 6:3-5-In Jesus' hometown they didn't believe He was so the them he wasn't
 - 2. Whatever area of life you're wanting to receive from God, you have to introduce yourself to the God of that area and develop faith that He is
 - a. You can't receive something from a person who you don't believe does the thing you want to receive (Ex: You have to believe the mechanic IS)
 - 3. The enemy is always trying to distort your image of who God really is, because what you don't believe God is, He will never be to you
- B. You must believe God can or that His power is enough-Romans 4:20, Gen 18:14
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III. Faith takes it

- A. Mark 11:24-The things that you desire that God is offering you just have to take by faith
 - 1. Receive-Lambano-Seize or grab hold of, to take, to take in hand, to catch, to latch on to, to clutch, to grasp
 - 2. To take
 - a. To take with the hand, lay hold of, any person or thing in order to use it
 - b. To take up a thing to be carried
 - c. To take upon one's self
 - 3. To take in order to carry away
 - a. Without the notion of violence, i,e to remove, take away
 - 4. To take what is one's own, to take to one's self, to make one's own
 - a. To claim, procure, for one's self

- b. Of that which when taken is not let go, to seize, to lay hold of, apprehend
 - c. Lay hold upon, take possession of, appropriate to one's self
 - d. Reach after
- 5. To take
 - a. To admit, receive
 - b. To receive what is offered
 - c. Not to refuse or reject
- 6. To take, to choose, select
 - a. To receive (what is given), to gain, get, obtain, to get back
- B. Before you can take something by faith you have to know it's being offered to you
 - 1. 2 Peter 1:4-Find the will/word of God concerning your area of need
 - 2. This is a big problem; people don't know what is being offered, so they don't know what's available
- C. The things you desire, but don't have, you have to take them by faith, believing you have them, and you will have them
 - 1. John 16:23-God will cause what you desire to come forth (ask aiteo)
 - a. What you ever you place a demand on in faith he'll cause it to come forth
 - 2. Mark 11:24-When you aiteo/ask you have to believe that you receive
 - a. AMP-You have to believe, trust, and be confident that IT IS granted to you; not that it will be
 - b. You have to believe that you got it when you prayed
 - 3. 1 John 5:14-Whatever we ask (aiteo) WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE
 - a. If we aiteo anything according to his will-You can't place a demand on or require something from God that He's not offering
 - b. 15AMP-You have to believe that what you desire is your present possession
- D. People are asking for things that God's already offering; so instead of believing that they have received it they're asking for it
 - 1. You don't ask for what is being offered you take it
 - 2. The picture we've had is that God has it and we don't and we got to ask Him for it because He's not offering it
 - a. 2 Peter 1:4-Why are we asking for that which is being offered or given?
 - b. Ephesians 1:3, Galatians 3:13, 1 John 4:17
 - c. You are a joint heir with Jesus (Rom 8:17, John 16:15, Luke 15)
 - 1) You don't ask for your inheritance; you do what's necessary to receive
 - 3. You were saved by grace through faith (Eph 2:8, Rom 10:8-10)
 - a. You didn't work to earn salvation; Jesus offered it to you by grace and you had to receive through faith

- b. You can believe God can save, will save, is offering salvation, & die & go to hell
- c. You didn't ask for salvation; you placed a demand on the salvation that God was offering; You didn't confess he was going to be your Lord
- 4. You place a demand on it and take it by believing you have received
 - a. When you believe that you have received faith begins to pull on/demand what's yours in the unseen to manifest it in the seen
 - b. EX-Withdraw from the bank

IV. If you believe it is yours, then you'll be thankful, you'll be in joy and peace, and you'll talk like it's your now

- A. If it's yours, then you should be thanking God for it
 - 1. Because I believe I have received it the only thing left to do is thank God for it
 - a. Let your requests be made known w/ thanks b/c you believe they've been met
 - 2. Thanks are in order when something has been done for you
 - 3. Faith will shout, praise, and give thanks like it's done before it's done-Joshua 6:2,16
- B. If it's yours, then you should be in joy and peace-Romans 15:13
 - 1. If there's joy and peace in believing there's depression and worry in unbelief
 - 2. People in faith have joy-To be glad and rejoice exceedingly
 - 3. People in faith have peace-Tranquil state of a soul assured
 - 4. What confession are you making with your attitude?
 - a. Your attitude might not have a mouth, but it does have a voice
 - b. Just b/c you're not speaking words, doesn't mean you're not saying something
 - c. The confession of ur attitude speaks as powerful as the confession of your mouth
- C. If it's yours, then you should be talking like it's in your possession
 - 1. Romans 4:17 (AMP)-Speaks of non-existent things as if they already existed
 - 2. Genesis 17:15-I'm calling what you are not, like you already are it
 - 3. 2 Corinthians 4:13-If you believe you have it, your words will reveal it