

BE NOT MOVED

Overcoming Adversity By Faith

- I. **Specific faith in God, for the situation that you are facing is how you overcome adversity in this life**
- A. Believing God is real/general Christian faith is not the same as having faith or confidence God will help you with your situation-*Ac14:7-There they preached the gospel. ⁸And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: ⁹The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked*
1. He didn't just have general Christian faith, but he had faith God would heal him-He was confident God would heal him based on something Paul preached
- B. You need faith specific for your situation to get help with your situation-This is something more than just believing God is real
1. They believed God was real, but lacked confidence in God in these situations-Peter lacked confidence God would keep him up, the disciples lacked confidence God would meet their needs, the COI lacked confidence that God would get them into the land-*Mt6:30-O ye of little faith; Mt14:31-O thou of little faith; Hb3:19-So we see they could not enter because of their unbelief*
 2. Faith in God includes confidence that He'll help us with what we face
- C. Getting in faith for your situation and staying in faith is how you overcome adversity-Confidence God will deliver you in this situation; If you want to get helped, delivered, healed, provided for then you have to have to get confident God will do those things in your life
1. If you do get in faith and stay in faith you'll enjoy victory
- D. How to get in faith is one of the most important things we could learn because if we get in faith and stay in faith to the end we can overcome
1. A Christian who loves God can not receive from God for a lack of faith-You don't receive from God based on your confidence that He is real alone, but it goes further into confidence that He will deliver me
- II. **When you face adversity in life, the first thing you do is go to God and say, "God what do you say about this? What can I have confidence in you to do?" and faith that He'll do what He says is how we win**-*Ps121:1-I will lift mine eyes to the hills...My help comes from the Lord*
- A. Faith in God for your situation starts with what God is saying to you about your situation-Lord what are you saying to me about this?
1. When God says it to you and you choose to believe it you get in faith
- B. If you'll learn how to get in faith and stay in faith until the end you'll enjoy victory
1. You got to believe until you see-Faith comes to end when I'm looking at what I was believing for; I get to the end by getting in faith and staying in faith; You can't quit in the middle
 2. Faith in God is how get saved and overcome hell-You hear, you believe, you keep believing on the Lord until you see him face to face-*1Pt1:9-Receiving the end of your faith*

C. Faith in God is how we overcome adversity in this life-If you hear from God and get in faith and stay in faith you will see God do what He said-*Hb11:33-AC-Who BY FAITH [that is, with an ENDURING trust IN GOD and HIS PROMISES]; TLB-These people all trusted God and as a result won battles, overthrew kingdoms, ruled their people well and received what God had promised them; they were kept from harm in a den of lions ³⁴and in a fiery furnace. Some through their faith escaped death by the sword. Some were made strong again after they had been weak or sick. Others were given great power in battle; they made whole armies turn and run away. ³⁵Some women through faith received their loved ones back again from death; Mk5:34*

1. Faith is enduring trust in God and His promises-These are things He's said to you and that's what you can trust him to do
2. They overcome by believing God would help them in their specific situation-They didn't just believe God was real

III. In facing challenges, Jesus pinpointed faith as the key issue

A. Jesus made Jairus' faith the key issue-*Lk8:49-While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.*

1. He started in faith and whenever we get in faith the devil always comes to get us out of faith-*Mk5:23-My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live;*
2. Jesus is telling Jairus you started in faith so stay in faith-*Lk8:50*

B. The key issue is his man's faith, not Jesus' compassion or willingness to help-*Mk9:17-Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; ²²And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. ²³Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. ²⁴And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. ²⁵When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. ²⁶And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him:*

1. If you can believe you can win-If you can hear from God and get in faith and stay in faith it's possible for you to get your miracle; This is what breeds miracles and gives God access to your life
2. If I hear from God and then believe all things are possible for me-We heard and we believed - This makes things possible
3. This is why when you get in faith evil forces put so pressure on to worry and fear and come out of faith

C. So often the answer to why things aren't working is just stone cold unbelief-We have no confidence and we just want something to happen or hope God does something

IV. **Get it straight what God said to you about what you are facing because that's how faith comes - To get confident you have to be able to say I know God said this to me and so when you face adversity spend time on the front end seeking God about what He has to say about the situation you are facing**