

BE NOT MOVED

To Get In Faith You Must Be Honest (And Not Pretend)

- I. **Faith is real stuff – You can have it, lack it, see it, perceive it, take it**—*Hb11:1*—*Now faith IS; Mk11:22—HAVE faith in God; Eph6:16—TAKING the shield of faith; Mt14:31—O thou of LITTLE faith; Mk2:5—When Jesus SAW their faith; Ac14:9—PERCEIVED that HE HAD FAITH to be healed*
- A. Just because faith isn't physically tangible doesn't mean it's not real and perceivable
1. Faith is perceivable—When you have faith it can be perceived and seen—*Ac14:9, Mk2:5*
 2. Faith isn't obscure—Undefined, unclear, ambiguous, hard to perceive—*Ac14:9—He had faith*
- B. You either have faith or you don't, you're either in faith or you're not
1. Thinking and saying you're in faith/have faith doesn't prove you are/do—EX: Thinking and saying I have my Bible in my hand doesn't mean I do; Thinking and saying I'm in my house doesn't mean I am (Your house and Bible are definable I can tell whether or not you have your Bible or are in your house)
 2. Every believer has general faith in God and has faith inside of them—This doesn't mean they have confidence in God regarding their situation—*Rm12:3—God has dealt to every man the measure of faith; Mt6:30—Shall he not much more clothe you o ye of little faith?*
- C. Faith for your situation is either there or it's not there
1. Faith is genuine confidence based on something God has said to you—You've either heard from God and are confident or you haven't and you're not— *Hb11:1, Rm10:17*
- D. Many learn about faith (what it does) and want the results it produces and try to play the part—You can't pretend your way into faith
1. Outer form, learning and applying faith principles is not the same thing as hearing from God and being confident—*Mt23:25—Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites (pretend)! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter but within they are full of extortion and excess.²⁸Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men but within you are full of hypocrisy*
 2. The deception of many is I'm in faith because I have form—You can learn and apply faith principles with no faith in your heart
 3. They had the form but they lacked the faith and when they didn't get the result Jesus didn't address their form outside, but he addressed the inside—*Mt17:19—Why could not we cast him out? ²⁰And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief*
- II. **We need to be able to do faith checks and pick it up in our own lives: Am I really in faith?**—*2Co13:5—EXAMINE (test, scrutinize-search closely, inquire into critically) yourselves whether you be in the faith; PROVE (test, examine, scrutinize to see whether a thing is genuine) your own selves; 1Pt1:7—The trial (testing) of your faith; 2Tm1:5—Unfeigned faith (pretend, simulate)*
- A. If we'll examine our faith we can make adjustments and get in faith
- B. The 1st thing that must be examined is, "Have I heard from God?"—You've either heard from Him or you haven't and so have you? What did God actually say to you about this? Not picking out a verse, but what specific word has God quickened to you?
- C. The 2nd thing that must be examined is, "Am I confident?"—You either are or aren't
1. Faith is of the heart so you check your heart for confidence inside—*Rm10:10—With the heart man believes; Mk11:23—Doubt in his heart; Pr3:5—Trust in the Lord with all of your heart*
- III. **To get in faith (3) You must be honest and you must not pretend**

A. When examining your faith it's imperative that you be honest

1. God hates falseness and if you play games with Him you'll get nowhere—**Pr12:22**—*Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight; Pr6:16—Six things doth the Lord hate...lying tongue...false witness that speaks lies; Jn8:44—He is a liar and the father of it; Jn16:13—Spirit of truth; Jn1:14—Full of grace and truth; Jn17:17—Thy word is truth; Hb10:22—Draw near with a true heart; Jn4:24—That that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth*

B. If you haven't heard from Him don't pretend like you have—Pretending you've heard from Him when you haven't will leave you with pretend faith

1. What you releasing faith for, you need to know God said it to you—**1Jn5:14**—*This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:¹⁵ And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him*
2. Releasing faith for something God didn't say is how you end up disappointed—
Ex: God wasn't saying to me that grandpa was coming home—**Rm10:11**—*Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed*

C. If you're not confident don't pretend like you are—I know God's Word is true and He is faithful but my confidence is lacking

1. 2 kinds of unbelief—1.Unwilling to believe 2.Lack confidence — You can choose to believe even when you recognize the confidence may not be there—**Mk9:24**—*STRAIGHTWAY...Lord, I believe; help thou mine UNBELIEF*
2. False bravado isn't faith—Faith is not pretending to be confident

D. Pretending to be in faith will keep you from actually getting in faith

1. If you haven't heard and aren't confident acknowledge it and address it—Pretending keeps you from addressing it—**Js5:16**—*Confess your faults one to another*
2. Jesus can help you but you have to humble yourself and be honest—**Hb12:2**—*The author and finisher of our faith; Js4:6—Gives grace to the humble*