

**TO THE END**  
How Victory Comes

- I. **What is faith? Faith is and being confident and convinced because of something God said to you-Hb11:1-YL-Faith is of things hoped for a confidence, of matters not seen a conviction-1Sm17, Dn3, Mk5**
- A. Faith comes by hearing-It's based on something God said to you; You can't have faith in God to do something He didn't tell you He would do-Rm10:17-Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word (an utterance, a saying/what one said/thing spoken) of God-Rm4:21-Being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform-Mt14-Come
- II. **Being moved out of faith leads to defeat-Mt14:28-Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. <sup>29</sup> And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. <sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith (lacking confidence), wherefore didst thou doubt (waver)?**
- A. Peter started in faith, but didn't stay in faith (he believed, but he didn't believe to the end)-He was moved away from the hope of that word come-When Jesus said come faith came that he could do it, but then he was moved away from the hope (faith, confidence) of that word come
- B. It's penal/costly to come out of faith-Draw back and you perish-Hb10:23-Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (firm, unmoved); (for he is faithful that promised;)<sup>35</sup>Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. <sup>39</sup>But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition (destruction, perishing); but of them that believe TO the saving of the soul.
- C. Outside of faith victory is an impossibility-Hb3:19, Mt13:58-Because of their unbelief-Mt17:20-Because of your unbelief-Jn3:18-He that believes not is condemned already-Mt6
- III. **Victory is obtained by believing AND believing to the end-Hb6:11-We desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: <sup>12</sup>That ye be not slothful but followers of them who through faith **AND** patience (perseverance, endurance, fortitude) inherit the promises. <sup>13</sup>For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, <sup>14</sup> Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. <sup>15</sup>And so, **AFTER** he had patiently endured (persevere, not to lose heart), he obtained the promise**
- A. The vision speaks at the end-Hb2:3-For the vision (divine communication) is yet for an appointed time, but **AT THE END IT SHALL SPEAK** and not lie: though it tarry, wait (adhere) for it; because it will surely come
- B. You have to believe until you see-Rm8:24-We are saved by hope (confident, faith, expect): but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees why does he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not then do we with patience (persevere, endurance) wait for it (expect fully)

C. Faith in God is how we enjoy victory in this life-You hear from God and get in faith and stay in faith until you 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 <sup>34</sup>and 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. <sup>35</sup>Some women through faith received their loved ones back again from death

IV. You make up your mind that once you've heard from God, you are going to the end and no matter what adversity is thrown your way this thing is not over until you are standing in what God promised you - I'M GOING TO THE END