

FAITH: What It Means & How It Works

Matthew 1

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“Faith believes what others do not believe

Faith sees what others do not see

Faith does what others do not do.” ~ Ray Prichard

Two Truths About Faith

1. Faith believes God's promises as absolute truth

- What the Bible says through the genealogy of Abraham
 - a. God made a promise to make Abraham the father of many nations
 - b. God made a covenant with Abraham He did not break
 - c. God always has the last laugh because nothing is too hard for God
- What it means for us today
 - a. We can trust God's promises because they are true
 - b. God is with us in our darkest hour/ greatest test because He is the source of our faith
 - c. God allows trials and tests to grow our faith

2. Faith requires obedience or faith is meaningless

- What the bible says about the faith of Mary & Joseph
 - a. Faith believes in the God of the impossible
 - b. Faith obeys God knowing He will work in and through us
- What it means for us today
 - a. Faith means nothing without obedience
 - b. Obedience fulfills God's purpose for our lives

Will You Obey God When He Tests Your Faith in 2019?