



OVERCOMING TRIALS THROUGH TRAINING

Matthew 28; Romans 4:18-25

Romans 4:18, Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

❖ Living in God's hopes requires MATURITY in our hearts.

Romans 4:19-24, ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

John 11:3-4, 39-40; Luke 10

Why Faith Needs Developed?

- 1) We start out WEAK. (Romans 4:19)
- 2) We can WAVER. (Romans 4:20)
- 3) We need WON OVER. (Romans 4:21)
- 4) We need to WALK RIGHT in God's sight. (Romans 4:22-24)

Ephesians 6:10; 2 Timothy 4:17; Philippians 4:13

❖ God has no trouble turning CIRCUMSTANCES into what He promised when given CONTROL of our hearts!

What Makes Our Faith Successful?

1) TRUSTING God's Leadership.

Luke 6:39-40, ³⁹ He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

❖ Trusting God and the right people transforms life!

1 John 5:4, for EVERYONE born of God overcomes the world. This is the VICTORY that has overcome the world, even our faith.

2) COMMITTING to God's Lifestyle.

James 2:14, What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

❖ God's promises are fulfilled when faith is practiced well!

James 2:19, You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

James 2:15-17; Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38

James 2:22-23, ²² You see that his (Abraham's) faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

3) EXPECTING God to Reward.

Hebrews 11:6, And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

❖ Disciples live to please God not self, and He makes our lives way better for it!

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?