# Freedom In Faith

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### Question...

- Am I seeing in my life what I say I believe to be true about God?
- And does what I say I believe to be true about God actually line up with Scripture?

### Hebrews 13:8

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

#### John 14:12-14

<sup>12</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup> And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

- the gap is not necessarily the problem
- it is the awareness of that gap that drives you forward into experiencing the truth of who I am
- if you are unaware of the gap, you will stay right where you are
- that gap is closed through faith
- believing who God says He is, and believing God will do what He says He will do.

### Faith...

• biblical concept of faith - is a conviction of truth, belief regarding who God is, and humankind's relationship to Him, that relationship being that He is real, and that there is an absolute reality of His words.

### Faith – New Testament

- Pistis
- 220 times
- conviction of the truth, belief; specifically in the NT a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things."

### Faith - Old Testament

- Aman "reliability, stability, firmness"
- Hiphil "to be certain, sure, or to be assured"
- Niphal "to be true, reliable, or faithful" applied to God and man
- Old Testament Biblical faith "is not blind or a leap into the unknown, but instead founded on truth certain of a real God and the absolute reality of His words."

## Ephesians 3:14-17 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> that <u>Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith</u>;

## **Ephesians 3:14-16 (TPT)**

<sup>14</sup> So I kneel humbly in awe before the Father of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, <sup>15</sup> the perfect Father of every father and child in heaven and on the earth. <sup>16</sup> And I pray that He would unveil within you the unlimited riches of His glory and favor until supernatural strength floods your innermost being with His divine might and explosive power.

## **Ephesians 3:17 (TPT)**

<sup>17</sup> Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you,

### Faith ...

our lives is personal, individual, and relational

seen throughout the biblical narrative

seen differently through God's eyes versus our eyes

### **Hebrews 11:27**

- By Faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.
- Exodus 2 Moses feared Pharaoh (2:14) and fled from Pharaoh (2:15)
- Exodus 3 Moses "who am I that I should go to Pharaoh" (3:11)

#### Freedom in Faith

- Are we coming to God, believing that He is who He says He is, and that He will do what He says He will do?
- Are we asking for Him to close the gap between what we say is true of Him and how we truly believe?