

Summary

This sermon introduces a book on faith written by an evangelist, exploring the foundational principles of faith through biblical understanding. The message emphasizes that faith is not a mystical concept but is based on knowledge – both sense-based knowledge (what we can observe) and revelation-based knowledge (what God reveals to us). The speaker explains that faith comes through hearing a word (rhema) from God, and that our human heart – comprising both spirit and soul – is the primary factor in converting knowledge to faith. The sermon highlights five key attributes of God that make Him trustworthy: love, faithfulness, power, authority, and wisdom. It distinguishes between sense-based faith (based on what we see) and revelation-based faith (based on God's direct revelation), explaining that Jesus builds His church solely on revelation-based faith. The message concludes with practical guidance on how to receive and hold onto God's rhema words through obedience, prayer, and staying connected to His written Word.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with open hearts and minds, ready to receive what You want to teach us about faith. We ask that You would speak to our spirits through Your Word and help us to understand the deep truths about walking by faith. Lord, remove any distractions or preconceived notions that might hinder us from hearing what You want to say to our group today. Unite our hearts – both our spirits and our minds – to receive Your truth. Help us to be attentive to Your voice and ready to apply what we learn to our daily lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's something you had to learn to trust before you could use it effectively – like driving a car, using a smartphone, or cooking a new recipe?

Key Verses

Romans 10:17

Matthew 4:4

Hebrews 4:12

Psalms 86:11

Romans 10:13–14

Matthew 28:18–19

Questions

– The sermon explains that faith is based on knowledge, not a 'leap in the dark.' How does this change your understanding of what it means to

have faith?

- What's the difference between sense-based faith and revelation-based faith? Can you think of examples of each in your own life?
- The speaker says that until our mind agrees with what our spirit is saying, we never have true faith. Why do you think our mind and spirit sometimes conflict, and how can we resolve this?
- Looking at five attributes of God (love, faithfulness, power, authority, wisdom), which one do you find most challenging to trust in during difficult times? Why?
- How do you distinguish between God's voice speaking to your spirit versus your own thoughts or desires? What helps you discern the difference?
- What practical steps can you take to better position yourself to hear God's rhema words in your daily life?

Life Application

This week, commit to spending time each day asking God to speak to your spirit about a specific area of your life where you need direction. Write down any impressions or words you sense from Him, and test them against Scripture. Practice taking every anxious thought captive when your mind tries to argue against what you sense God is saying to your spirit. Choose one of God's promises from Scripture and begin the process of turning that logos word into a personal rhema by praying over it and asking God to make it real in your situation.

Key Takeaways

- Faith is based on knowledge, not blind belief - we need both sense-based knowledge and revelation-based knowledge from God
- The human heart (spirit and soul together) is the primary factor in converting knowledge to faith - both our spirit and mind must agree
- God can be trusted because of His five key attributes: love, faithfulness, power, authority, and wisdom
- Authority is the first divine power given to mankind, and through Christ, believers have been given spiritual authority that is powerful yet fragile depending on our obedience

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for this time of learning about faith and how You desire to speak to us. We pray that You would help us to be people who live by every word that proceeds from Your mouth. Strengthen our faith as we learn to trust in Your character - Your love, faithfulness, power, authority, and wisdom. Help us to quiet our minds when they try to argue against what You're speaking to our spirits. Give us ears to hear Your rhema words and the courage to act on them in obedience. May we be a people who walk by revelation-based faith, building our lives on the solid foundation of Your truth. Continue to

Speak to us throughout this week, and help us to be faithful stewards of the spiritual authority You've given us. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.